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Not a "Special Issue," but an Issue That's Special

It's always a pleasure to present the spring issue of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*. This is partly due to aesthetics. At 52 pages, spring is the largest of our quarterly issues, so it feels substantial. And the thick, glossy cover emphasizes the clarity and vibrancy of the photographs.

The spring issue is also the edition in which we publish some once-a-year features, including annual reports for both the Fraternity and the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. You can find these reports on pages 10 and 14, respectively. Other annual features published in each spring issue include recognition of our 75-year members (page 43), a letter of reference form (page 39), and a legacy introduction form (page 38).

This year, we are particularly pleased to offer 15 pages of news about individual Thetas, as well as Theta college and alumnae chapters. The snapshots section, which begins on page 5, celebrates accomplishments, achievements, and activities, including Theta families, Theta reunions, traveling Thetas, and Theta authors. In "On Campus" (pages 17 through 20), 13 college chapters reveal the unique fund-raisers, outstanding members, and successful events that make them distinctive. Beginning on page 30, 16 alumnae chapters do the

same in "Alumnae Album."

We are also delighted to offer a longer introduction to three outstanding Thetas. Sister Adele Rowland, Omicron/USC, is featured in this issue's profile article. A Dominican nun with an artistic ministry, Sister Adele is renowned in Asia and Europe, as well as America, for her work in photomontage, a fine art form described as painting with film. Two long-time friends, Debbie Bock and Lynn Davis, are the subjects of "In Their Own Words." Bock, Alpha Gamma/Ohio State, and Davis, Gamma Zeta/Oklahoma State, share their thoughts about travel, friendship, and recreational vehicles. These articles may be found on pages 21 and 29, respectively.

Finally, as our cover indicates, a number of pages in this issue are dedicated to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. April has been declared Foundation Awareness Month, a time to educate Thetas and friends of Theta about the value of the Foundation's programs and the importance of giving to the Foundation.

"Friendship Begins With a Strong (KAO) Foundation" highlights eight Thetas whose lives have been profoundly impacted by the Foundation. Of varying ages, from different geographical

areas, and in diverse fields of endeavor, these women share stories that are inspiring and moving. The article begins on page 24.

Of course, Kappa Alpha Theta's philanthropic endeavors began long before 1961, when our Foundation was incorporated. From the beginning, the social aim of the Fraternity has been to exercise the widest influence for good. Accordingly, a time line of Theta philanthropy begins on page 26. Compiled by the Fraternity archivist and Theta's staff archivist, it offers some little-known facts in an historical context.

All of these features and articles make us feel that the Spring 2006 issue of *The Magazine* is a worthy investment on your part! Certainly we know that there are many demands on your reading time: daily newspapers, weekly magazines, textbooks, book-club books.... Not to mention e-mails, e-zines, and blogs. We hope that when you do begin to page through this issue, you will find much to engage and entertain you.

Loyally,



Liz Appel Rinck
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The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation
connects this circle of sisters.
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In the autumn of 1995, Kappa Alpha Theta began an innovative program to decrease production and postage costs of *The Magazine*. Each member was offered a choice—to continue to receive four issues of *The Magazine* each year or to receive only the larger, comprehensive spring issue.

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INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH
AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND
BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

CORRECTION

In the Winter 2005-06 issue, newly chartered alumnae chapters in Gainesville (Fla.), Richmond (Va.) and Corpus Christie (Texas) were omitted from the list of active Theta alumnae chapters in the US and Canada (page 15). We regret the error.

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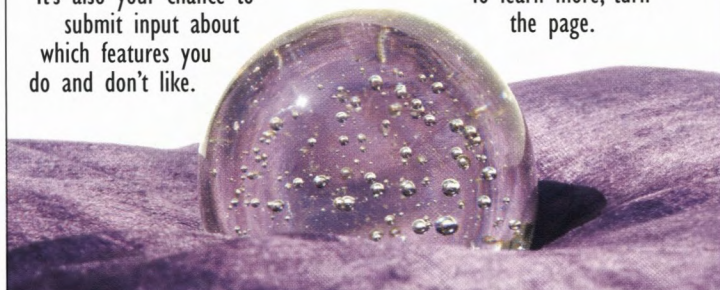
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REUNIONS ANNOUNCED Δ/ILLINOIS

The members of the 1956 graduation class of Delta Chapter at the University of Illinois will gather for their 50th reunion September 7-11 at the Delavan Lake, Wis., home of Punky (Sandra) Maurer Mattison. Call 262-728-9506 or e-mail matt@genevaonline.com for more information.

K/KANSAS

The Theta kite at Kappa Chapter has flown high for 125 years. Come celebrate with us July 28-30 in Lawrence, Kan., as we reunite with our sisters.

More information is available at www.kutheta125.com, or you may contact Margy Dewell Porter (785-242-8732; dboneal@sunflower.com).

AM/MISSOURI

The 1956 graduating class of the Alpha Mu Chapter at Missouri will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a weekend reunion at the chapter facility in Columbia, Mo., July 14-16, 2006. The invitation is also extended to the classes of 1952 to 1960. Those interested should contact Lynn Willbrand (573-449-5892) or Paula Kurtz (573-445-8737). Details will be forthcoming, but an affirmative response by April 15 would be helpful.

BΦ/PENN STATE

The Diamond Jubilee reunion of the Beta Phi Chapter at Penn State will take place May 5-7, 2006. For additional information, please contact Marilyn Doan Jenkins (jgroup@aol.com or 814-231-2556).

BN/FLORIDA STATE

A reunion for Thetas initiated between 1950 and 1960 into the Beta Nu Chapter at Florida State will be held November 5-9. The Holiday Inn Historic District on Calhoun Street in Charleston, SC, will host the event. For more information, contact Natalie Hobbs Hill (natnoles@mcchispeed.net).

ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH

Members of the Gamma Phi Chapter at Texas will hold a reunion in conjunction with Grand Convention 2006 (June 28-July 1) in San Antonio. For more information, contact Suzie Sterling King (806 799-7980; Suziek1@aol.com).

ΓP/UC SANTA BARBARA

An alumnae reunion for the weekend of July 7, 2006, at the Theta facility in Goleta is being planned for the new member class of 1965. Please contact Judy Lean Allardice (425-330-4799; wajudy@comcast.net) for details.

ΔY/EASTERN KENTUCKY

A reunion of alumnae from the Delta Upsilon Chapter at Eastern Kentucky will be held during EKV homecoming, Oct. 13-14. For more information, contact Carol Hollonbeck Wijas (508-303-3888, cwijas@charter.net) or Jonell Macy Dailey (270-422-5909, djdailey@bbtel.com).

ΔΩ/TEXAS A&M

Save the date! The 31st anniversary of the Delta Omega Chapter at Texas A&M will be held February 2-4, 2007, in College Station, Texas. More details will follow. Please send your contact information to Suzanne FitzGerrell Caram (sfcaram@houston.rr.com).

PLANNING A REUNION?

If you are trying to locate Thetas from your chapter for a reunion, place a reunion notice in *The Magazine*! Send a brief notice to Reunions, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Be sure to include a contact name, phone number, and e-mail address.

Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23.

PHOTO TIPS

The Magazine wants your pictures for the Snapshots section of each issue! Both digital images and film prints are acceptable, but digital images require special guidelines.

Digital photos should have a resolution of at least 300 ppi (pixels per inch). Many digital photos sent to *The Magazine* are low resolution (72 ppi) and cannot be used. A low-resolution photo may look fine on your computer screen, but it won't look good on a magazine page.

To capture a digital image at the appropriate resolution, you must use at least a 3.2-megapixel camera, with the resolution set on large and the compression set on superfine. Taking a photo at low resolution and then increasing the file size in a photo-management program (such as PhotoShop) won't work. The photos must actually be shot at the highest resolution.

So keep your digital camera handy, keep these guidelines in mind, and capture those Theta moments for *The Magazine*.

A NEW USE FOR ICE

Emergency personnel across the country are suggesting that cell phone users program ICE (In Case of Emergency) phone numbers into their devices.

In an emergency, police, firefighters, or paramedics can dial those numbers when you are unable to communicate. Just program the letters ICE directly before the name of the appropriate person in the address book of your phone.

Be sure that the persons designated agree to serve as your emergency contact and that they have pertinent information about any medical conditions. ♦

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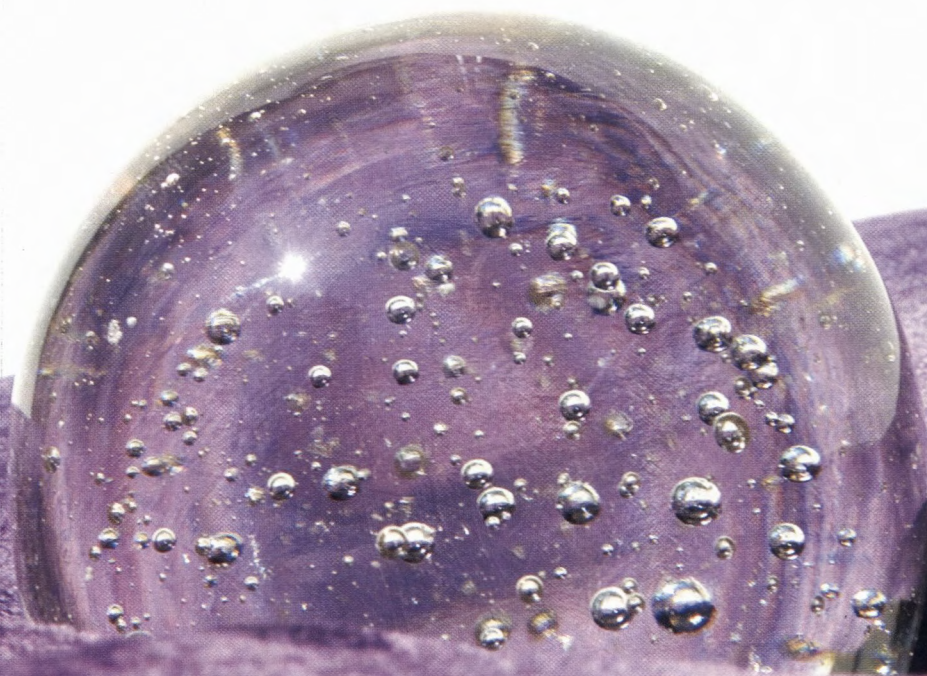
Check Us Out!

And tell us what you think.

If you're a regular reader of Site to See, you already know that a new version of the Fraternity's website, www.kappaalphatheta.org, will be a reality this summer. And if you didn't know before, you do now!

Here's your chance for a small sneak peek at the new Kappa Alpha Theta home page. For a preview, visit www.kappaalphatheta.org/newsite. After you've checked us out, you'll have the opportunity to send us an e-mail about what you do and don't like.

We have been working hard to ensure that the Theta website works for every Theta and for those with an interest in Kappa Alpha Theta. So your input does matter. Check us out today and tell us what you think!



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Annaclair Lawson Kiger, ΔΦ/Clemson, received one of the Elite 8 Awards presented to outstanding senior insurance technology officers. This award recognizes the industry's most innovative and effective IT executives.

Shelby Scarbrough, ΒΞ/UCLA, is the principal of the Alexandria, Va.-based protocol consulting and event management firm that has been selected to go to Amman, Jordan, to train the Iraqi National Assembly. The mission of this project is to "advance a plan to begin to train the necessary staff within the Iraqi National Assembly so that the country can move forward in their quest for social and political equality."

Carol Nolan Drake, ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan, was recently named the new director of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) by Governor Bob Taft. DAS provides centralized support and innovative solutions for the effective operation of Ohio government. Drake holds a BA in politics and government and earned a JD from Ohio Northern University.



Katy Stewart, Β/Indiana, was named to the Big Ten Tournament Soccer Team, joining 10 other Big Ten student-athletes this fall. Stewart is a sophomore at Indiana majoring in accounting and finance.



Pamela J. Roberts, ΓΠ/UCSB, a partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough in Columbia, SC, is the 2005-2006 chairman of the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession. Roberts

was appointed by the ABA president. The commission's objectives and goals include working for the full and equal participation of women lawyers, serving as a catalyst for change, being a voice for the concerns of women lawyers, and focusing attention on the concerns of multicultural women.

Patricia Dodge Stocker, ΓΝ/North Dakota State, was presented NDSU's Alumni Achievement Award, recognizing alumni who have excelled in their professions. Stocker earned her bachelor's in English from NDSU, and her doctorate in marketing from the University of Colorado. She has taught at the University of Colorado, University of Denver, and the University of Maryland, where she also served as associate dean and director of executive programs.

Anne Uhrbrock Clutterbuck, ΕΕ/Baylor, was elected to the Houston City Council in December. She previously worked as district director for Congressman Bill Archer, and was campaign manager for Archer's successor in Congress, John Culberson.



Joan Vinaroff Fletcher, ΑΥ/Washburn; her daughter, **Maggie Fletcher Belliel**, Κ/Kansas; **Janice Rae Lawson**, ΓΛ/Beloit; and **Joan Howard Burgess**, ΒΑ/William & Mary, gathered in Irvington, Va., to celebrate Joan Fletcher's "big" birthday!



Fraternity President **Karen Albrecht** **Ledbetter** and Foundation President **Anne Sadler Budill** visited the famous Pike Place Fish Market in Seattle, Wash. **The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation** sponsored a presentation based on the FISH! business concept, developed from the Pike Place Fish Market, at the 2005 District Leadership Conferences.



Katherine Haley Rudeseal, ΓΜ/Maryland, and **Chiaki Ito**, ΔΞ/North Carolina, completed the YMCA Wrightsville Beach Triathlon in North Carolina in September. The two originally met performing theatre and recently began training for triathlons.

(Below) **Debra Lawrence Wilkins**, ΒΩ/Colorado College; **Whitney Muse Webb**, ΕΗ/Centre College; **Amye Tankersley King**, ΓΧ/Fresno State; and **LeaAnne Major Williams**, ΕΖ/Mississippi, gathered at the Evergreen Ball in Knoxville, Tenn. Last year, Williams and King co-chaired this event. This year, Webb and Wilkins chaired different committees. The event raised \$475,000 for Friends of the Great Smokey Mountains National Park.



Families



Diane Sweeney Alexander, $\Gamma/\text{Kentucky}$ (mother); **Gloria Pfeiffer Leech**, O/USC , (aunt); and **Katie Alexander**, $\Gamma/\text{Kentucky}$ (daughter), celebrated more than 50 years of Theta in their family. A family member has been initiated into Theta every 25 years since Leech was initiated in 1955.



Valerie Whitcomb Valaas, $\text{A}\Psi/\text{Washburn}$, and **Joan Valaas Ferguson** and **Valerie Lee Ferguson**, both $\Delta\Delta/\text{Whitman}$, represent three generations of Thetas. Their Theta heritage dates back to **Jessie Wright Whitcomb**, who was a founding member of the **Lambda Chapter** in 1881.



Nashville's oldest charity ball, the Bal d'Hiver, is now in its 59th year. Thanks to this fund-raiser, the **Nashville Alumnae Chapter** has contributed more than \$430,000 to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. Pictured are mother-daughter duos, **Bitsy Stoneburner Hughes**, $\text{A}\text{H}/\text{Vanderbilt}$; **Wesley Hughes**, $\Delta\text{X}/\text{Virginia}$; **Liza Trickett**, $\Delta\text{X}/\text{Virginia}$; and **Rosie Price Trickett**, $\text{A}\text{H}/\text{Vanderbilt}$.



Daughter and mother **Cynthia Rumple Hinofotis**, $\text{B}/\text{Indiana}$, and **Tatiana Hinofotis**, $\text{A}\Theta/\text{Texas}$, posed for a Theta-inspired picture in Venice last summer. Tatiana modeled a Venetian cat mask.

Marian Short, A/DePauw , Honored

October 31 was declared Marian Short Day in Maple Valley, Wash. **Marian Albaugh Short**, $\text{Alpha}/\text{DePauw}$, was honored on her 90th birthday by representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Tahoma School District, the Maple Valley Historical Society, and a host of family and friends. The proclamation read by Deputy Mayor Jim Flynn covered the highlights of the life of a woman dedicated to making the world and her corner of it a better place.

Short was initiated into A/DePauw in 1934; the chapter that her great-aunt, Alice Allen Brant, co-founded. She has served as recording secretary of the Seattle Alumnae Chapter, president of the Way-Out Theta area group, and as the authorized recruitment representative of the Maple Valley area of King County. She was awarded the Twin Star Award

by the Seattle Alumnae Chapter in 1993 for her support and contributions to the chapter and her community.

Marian Short has worked in dietetics, restaurant management, real estate, and veterinary supplement sales, to name a few. She has also volunteered her time to many organizations, including Home Economic Women in Business, May E. Stuart Orthopedic Guild, Maple Valley Historical Society, Association of King County Historical Organizations, Tahoma Junior High Booster Club, Tahoma PTA Board, and the Maple Valley Library Board. She is a dedicated member of her church, active in the Lake Wilderness Women's Golf Club, Red Hat Hussies, and Fairwood Ladies Lunch Group.

"Marian is a gracious, warm and friendly person, who often works in the background but makes things happen," her friends write. "In our opinion, she is 'nine perfect 10s' in the Olympics of life!"



Marian Albaugh Short

ALUMNAE



Lucy Newman, ZΨ/Southern Mississippi; **Megan Dusdal**, BT/Colorado State; and **Lindsey Brown**, AY/Washburn, met last summer at the national conference of LeaderShape in Champaign, Illinois. LeaderShape attendees cover the dynamics of power, communication, and teamwork, and develop a challenging vision. **The KAΘ Foundation** provides educational grants for members to attend LeaderShape.



Megan Nunn, BM/Nevada, served as a White House intern in the First Lady's office last summer. Upon meeting **Laura Bush**, BΣ/SMU, Nunn proudly proclaimed that they were Theta sisters.



The **Chi Chapter** at **Syracuse** raised money for **CASA** during their signature philanthropy event, **Theta Bowl**, an annual flag football tournament held every spring.

Anne Humphries Arseneau, BA/William and Mary, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Fraternity Advisors, recognizing individuals who have exhibited professional standards and achievement in men's and women's fraternity advising and outstanding achievement in other areas, including campus programming, development and research activities, and service to the college community. Arseneau is the associate director of student activities at William and Mary.

Mimi Davis Reid, and **Carolie Potter Sherard**, both AM/Missouri; **Sue Fuller Lange**, BΔ/Arizona;



and **Carolyn Weesner Matthiasson**, ΓΔ/Beloit, enjoyed an educational walking tour of downtown Tucson sponsored by the Tucson Alumnae Chapter. Afterward, they attended the chapter's board meeting in the library.

Representing pledge classes ranging from 1938 to 1980, the "Theta Traders" from the **Diablo Alumnae Chapter** in northern



California gathered at their annual Christmas luncheon in San Francisco. (Front) **Anne Chase Pierson**, AΣ/Washington State; **Lisha Youngberg Ruud**, ΔΔ/Utah; (middle) **Barbara Jones Ballard**, BΩ/Colorado College; **Louise Eberhard Tomajan**, Φ/Pacific; **Theodosia Keane Maurer**, Ω/UC Berkeley; **Karen Tomajan Harper**, Φ/Pacific; (back) **Julie Coleman Moore**, Φ/Pacific; **Nancy Paracka Grossman**, Φ/Pacific; **DeeDee DeRoche Cross**, ΓΞ/San Jose State; **Anne Vanhorn Moulds**, AΔ/Washington; and **Janet Kuhl Yolland**, BE/Oregon State.



Women of the **Canton Alumnae Chapter** posed for a photo during their August dinner. (Front) **Judith Janulis Swartz**, Γ/Butler; **Ann Urig Bradway**, AΓ/Ohio State; **Susan Healey Eynon**, A/DePauw; (back) **Vicki Brake Cantrell**, ΔY/Eastern Kentucky; **Mary Ellen Hoffhines Riehm**, ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan; **Nancy Weaver Hoover**, BT/Denison; **Jo Ankeny Lindamood**, A/DePauw; **Judith Girard Higgins**, ΓΘ/Carnegie Mellon; **Stephanie Stein Stewart**, ΓY/Miami; and **Joni Schneider Morrow**, BΘ/Idaho.



Pamela Hecker Galipault, BA/William & Mary; **Millie Jenkins McVey**, AΓ/Ohio State; **Vicki McVey**, ΓY/Miami; and **Jessica Rannow Flasche**, Ψ/Wisconsin, enjoyed a special treat, Graeter's ice cream sandwiches, at the **Columbus Alumnae Chapter's** fall potluck.



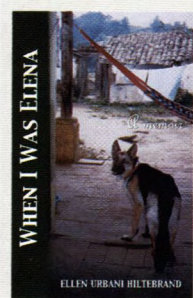
1 More than 30 St. Louis Thetas, including **Pamela Puerner Campbell**, BT/Denison; **Kris Lindblom Arneson**, BA/Arizona; and **Emily Arneson**, AM/Missouri, participated in the local Race for the Cure.

2 Nineteen Thetas from several chapters gathered at the wedding of **Kristin Hellquist**, BK/Drake, to Michael Cunningham last October in Libertyville, Ill.

3 **Barbara Patten Unverferth**, Γ^Δ/Ohio Wesleyan, is surrounded by **Alpha Gamma** members at **Ohio State** after her participation in "Great Women Go Greek." The Ohio State University Panellenic Association sponsors the annual event, presenting the lifelong benefits of fraternity membership.

4 **Judy Sherwin Anderson**, BΓ/Colorado State; **Tedi Muzzy Cox**, BΩ/Colorado College; **Nancy Berens Phillips**, Y/Minnesota; **Ruth Bestland Brown**, ΑΠ/North Dakota; and **Mimi Davis Reid**, AM/Missouri, embarked on their 20th annual bike ride in Colorado last October.

5 **Salome Tanner Musch** and **Margret (Peggy) Kendall Soulen**, both A/DePauw, were surprised to find each other in Williamsburg, Va., where they retired with their husbands. They had not seen each other since graduating in the 1950s. Now Musch and Soulen are copresidents of the **Williamsburg Alumnae Chapter**.

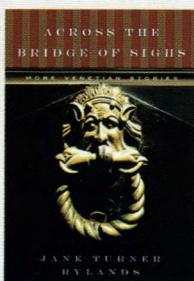


When I Was Elena, by **Ellen Urbani Hildebrand**, ΔO/Alabama, was recently named a Book Sense Notable selection. The synopsis reads, "At age 22, Ellen Urbani Hildebrand left behind a classic Middle America upbringing,

moving from a Southern sorority house into a scorpion-infested mud hut in order to live, work, and immerse herself in the culture of Guatemala's poorest villagers. Told with unflinching honesty, disarming humor, and an astonishing ear for dialect, this is a work of such atmospheric accuracy that the scent of fire-roasted tortillas virtually wafts from the pages as this tiny country—and the women who occupy it—bursts to life."

AUTHORS

Jane Turner Rylands, BA/William & Mary, an American expatriate living in



Venice, Italy, recently published her second book of short stories, *Across the Bridge of Sighs: More Venetian Stories*. The book tells twelve captivating tales set in the 1990s, in which the conflicting forces of progress and tradition add to the complications and burdens of daily life.

London is the Best City in America, by **Laura Dave**, BH/Pennsylvania, focuses on a young woman who calls off her engagement and returns home for her brother's wedding, only to find out that he is in love with someone who is not his fiancé. Brother and sister embark on a weekend road trip to find this other woman. Dave currently writes for several publications, including *Self*, *Glamour*, and *ESPN Magazine*.



Reunions



1 "The Bridge Group" alumnae from **Omicron** at **USC**, reunited on the Mendocino Coast to celebrate their sisterhood. (Front) Mary Waldsmith Dirckx, Suzanne Doree Deise, Lynn Hurt Bozanic, Carolyn Colwell Copes, Betty Loth Sizemore, (middle) Marilyn Hazeltine Jones, Donna Traylor Gibbs, (back) Cammie King Conlon, Nancy Thompson Power, and Kathleen Leavey McCarthy.



2 Members of the **AX/Purdue** new member class of 1959 gathered at Mount St. Helens in September.



3 Angela Johnston, Erin Fech, Sarah Bernstein Hutton, Kristen Dale Boice, Maggie McKenny Harris, Carrie Diekmann Emerson, and Judith Pacey, alumnae of the **Gamma Chapter** at **Butler**, posed at the chapter facility.



4 Twenty members of **Purdue's Alpha Chi Chapter** returned to the campus in November for their 40th graduation reunion. (Front) Carolyn Gustafson Pelletier, Sharie Rulon Broadhead, Sharon Schultz Jones, Ann Johns Sonnenberg, MaryJo Childs St. John, Kay Kenady Sanger, Kathy Stonehouse Poole, Joyce Wolfe Wilhelm, (back) Carol Straley Trimmer, Julie Vance Keller, Heather Leadley Lariviere, Deborah Hansen Lucas, Colleen McKinstry Newell, Barbara Renner Fletcher, Karen Cromwell Blake, Penny Shoop Kennedy, Jane Brosius Sweet, Ruth Crane Utti, Nancy Taylor Burke, and Jane Sites Metcalf.



5 Alumnae from **Beta Zeta** at **Oklahoma State** reunited in Oklahoma City. During their reunion (front) Mary Gibson Yeakley, Paula Burkes Erickson, Camilla Robb Winfrey, Cristi Cary Miller, (middle) Lynn Summers Lugibihl, Anne Haller Copeland, Cathy Greiner Casad, (back) Carol McNern, and Suzanne Murphy Miller celebrated McNem's engagement with a candlelight ceremony.



6 Eight Thetas from the **Gamma Iota Chapter** at **Kentucky** vacationed together in Savannah, Ga., and posed outside of Paula Dean's The Lady & Sons restaurant.

7 In late September, 20 women from the **Beta Chapter** at **Indiana** met in Bloomington to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their initiation. Most were initiated in fall and spring 1965 and 1966. "We had a wonderful weekend sharing memories, pictures, and lots of laughs!" wrote Mary Beth Schmalz.



8 (L to r) Posey McCarthy, Linda Beck Pieplow, Cathy Schemel Cook, Kathleen Ruckstahl Kidd, and Susan Hennessy celebrated 35 years of friendship at their fifth annual **Gamma Mu/Maryland** reunion in Ocean City, Md.

9 More than 40 alumnae from the **Beta Gamma** classes of 1958-1962 at **Colorado State** reunite every ten years to celebrate their Theta sisterhood.

10 Dinner and a trolley tour of their old stomping grounds, **Purdue University**, was only part of the itinerary for the 1946 **Alpha Chi** new member class reunion in Lafayette, Ind. Colleen Vaughan Hopkins, Nancy Williams Moody, Hilda Salmond Hensarling (1947 pledge class), Anne Rush Bostick, Martha Mattix Gee, Joy Driesbach Peterson, Martha Schroyer Hudlow, Joan Smith Ruddy, Dorothy Darnall Jones, and Alice Waterbury Saunders posed for a commemorative photo.

FRATERNITY ANNUAL REPORT



Dear Theta Sisters:

Annual reports are traditionally a look back at the past year rather than a look forward to the future. As we review the year 2005, however, I am particularly pleased to tell you about an initiative that was begun last year and that is designed to have a powerful impact on the Fraternity's future.

In 2005, Kappa Alpha Theta embarked on the process of developing a strategic plan that will guide our decision-making, budgeting, leadership recruitment, and programming for the next five to seven years. In the beginning stage of this process, we developed a vision for the future based on our core purpose, which is our singular reason for existing, and our core values, which are the five essential beliefs that guide our actions.

Kappa Alpha Theta is the organization that provides the finest and most rewarding membership experience. This is our vision. In order to attain it, we must stay true to our core values of personal excellence, sisterhood, scholarship, service, and leadership, and our core purpose of supporting members to learn, grow, and excel. We must build upon our rich history and time-honored traditions to create a new promise for our members.

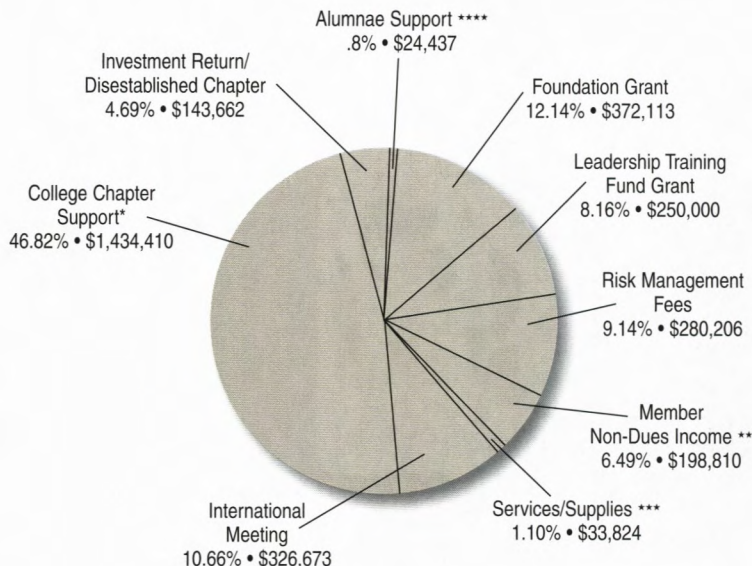
Over the next several years, our actions as a fraternity must be intended to fulfill our vision, to advance our strategic plan. Kappa Alpha Theta, which has nurtured each of us through our college and alumnae days, must be relevant, exciting, and valuable. We must be the organization that provides the finest and most rewarding membership experience, that gives each of us the friendships, sisterhood, and memories that will, indeed, last for a lifetime.

Loyally,

Karen Albrecht Ledbetter
ΓΤ/Tulsa, Fraternity President

GENERAL TREASURY INCOME

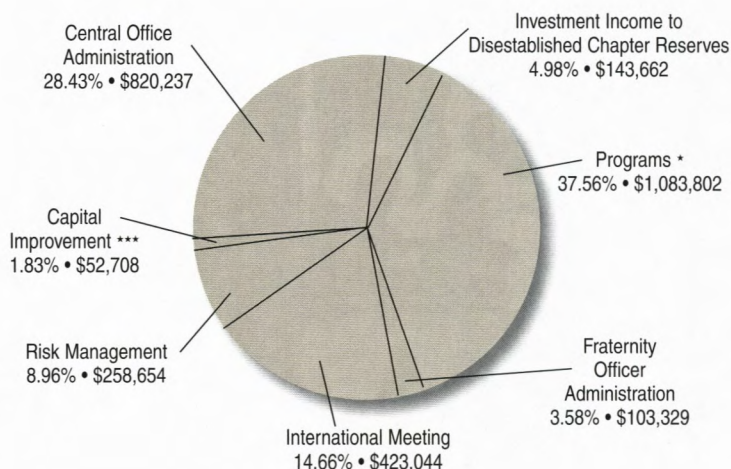
TOTAL \$3,064,135



- ★ Initiation, per capita, & chapter services fees, etc.
- ★★ Pansy Peddler sales, jewelry commission, affinity charge card, etc.
- ★★★ Publications, labels/printouts, member links, etc.
- ★★★★ Alumnae per capita fees, paid individually and via alumnae chapters

GENERAL TREASURY EXPENSE**

TOTAL \$2,885,436



- ★ Magazine, Educational Leadership Consultants, AlcoholEdu, etc.
- ★★ Percent of total toward educational programs is 36%
- ★★★ Computer system upgrades, building improvements

Kappa Alpha Theta's annual report provides information on Fraternity business as well as a short historical record of the year. This annual report reviews Fraternity and Foundation programs during 2005 (January 1 - December 31). The financial information for the Fraternity, however, pertains to fiscal 2004 - 2005 (July 1, 2004 - June 31, 2005).

And readers should also note that some scholarship and ELC information pertains to the 2004 - 2005 academic year.

2004-2006 GRAND COUNCIL

Karen Albrecht Ledbetter <i>Fraternity President</i>	Lyn Stewart Simensen <i>Fraternity vice-president finance & facilities</i>
Kathleen Markey <i>Fraternity vice-president college</i>	Amy Hayner Kates <i>Fraternity vice-president membership</i>
Debbie Bornmann Allen <i>Fraternity vice-president alumnae</i>	Carole Frankovich Brophy <i>Fraternity vice-president public relations</i>
Katie Busby, PhD <i>Fraternity vice-president education</i>	Anne Sadler Budill <i>Foundation president</i>

2005 FRATERNITY STATISTICS

Active College Chapters	124
Active Alumnae Chapters	184
Total Initiated Members	206,993
College Chapters Closed	Λ/Vermont

STRATEGIC PLAN

The creation of a strategic plan to guide Kappa Alpha Theta for the next five to seven years was begun in the spring of 2005. Theta's core purpose as articulated in the strategic plan is to support members to learn, grow, and excel. The core values, the five essential beliefs that will guide the Fraternity's actions, are personal excellence, friendship and sisterhood, scholarship, service, and leadership. The vision based on this core purpose and these core values is: Kappa Alpha Theta is the organization that provides the finest and most rewarding membership experience.

In order to realize this vision, specific goals and action plans must be accomplished. These goals include maximizing sisterhood while minimizing risk, educating collegians and alumnae about the importance and value of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, increasing relevance by decreasing duplication and wastefulness, working to be recognized as a positive contributor to student life, and developing a comprehensive public relations campaign. As the work to achieve these goals and make the vision real continues, the strategic plan will evolve, changing to reflect not only Kappa Alpha Theta's progress, but also new opportunities.



GROWTH

The Fraternity welcomed more than 4,280 initiated members in 2005! We also celebrated the chartering of three new alumnae chapters.

The Corpus Christi (Texas) Alumnae Chapter, the Gainesville (Florida) Alumnae Chapter, and the Richmond (Virginia) Alumnae Chapter were granted charters by Grand Council in October. Each of these new chapters had been an active alumnae club under the former alumnae group structure.

EDUCATION

DLCs

More than 1,275 Thetas gathered at nine District Leadership Conferences (DLCs) in cities across the US for education and training in leadership, personal development, and Theta-specific programming. The president and vice-presidents finance, education, administration, development, external relations, and membership from each college chapter, as well as chapter advisors, attended. Participants enjoyed sharing ideas, having fun, and making new Theta friends from their districts.



ELCs

As role models, mentors, guides, and ambassadors, Theta's educational leadership consultants (ELCs) are enthusiastic and well-informed. They develop educational programs, lead workshops, teach problem-solving techniques, motivate members, and offer assistance and support to college chapters. After comprehensive training in every aspect of the Fraternity's programming, policies, and procedures, as well as in effective communication, motivational techniques, and business etiquette, the 10 recent graduates who served as the 2004-05 ELCs fanned out across the continent, visiting each college chapter in the US and Canada.



PILLOW TALK

In an effort to raise awareness about a common, yet serious, women's health issue, the Fraternity along with Bayer

Pharmaceuticals, created a program to educate Thetas on the importance of recognizing the symptoms, risk factors, and treatment options for urinary tract infections.

Coined Pillow Talk, a pilot version of the program was presented to five college chapters during the 2003-04 academic year. Due to the popularity of Pillow Talk among collegians, advisors, and Fraternity officers, the program was expanded to reach all of Kappa Alpha Theta's US chapters in 2004-05.

LEADERSHAPE

The LeaderShape Institute, founded in 1986, is a not-for-profit organization committed to developing in young adults the ability to "lead with integrity." In 2005, 18 Theta collegians participated in a unique six-day program at the Institute. They were given the opportunity to participate in self-discovery and practical learning experiences that build leadership concepts and abilities. Since 1990, Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation grants have allowed more than 500 Theta undergraduates to attend LeaderShape.



ALCOHOL EDU

The nation's first online, interactive alcohol prevention program, AlcoholEdu provides up-to-date social and biomedical facts to help collegians make well-informed decision about alcohol use and also to cope with the drinking behavior of peers and friends. Theta launched this program in 2002, and all chapter members were required to complete it; in every year since, including 2004-05, AlcoholEdu has been mandatory for all new chapter members.



AlcoholEdu, the nation's first online alcohol prevention program, was developed by Outside the Classroom. All chapter members were required to complete the program.

SCHOLARSHIP

In 2005, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation awarded more than \$463,875 through 193 graduate and undergraduate scholarships presented to outstanding Theta scholars. The Foundation is proud to sponsor the largest scholarship program among all Greek-letter organizations.

During the 2004-05 academic year, 1,539 undergraduate Thetas achieved straight As for at least one school term. The following college chapters achieved the number-one scholarship ranking on their campuses during at least one term during 2004-05. (An * indicates those chapters that achieved number-one status during all terms.)

NUMBER-ONE SCHOLARSHIP RANKING

Γ/Butler	AX/Purdue	EI/Westminster*
H/Michigan	BE/Oregon State*	EA/Dickinson*
K/Kansas*	BI/Colorado	EΣ/UC Irvine
Λ/Vermont	BK/Drake	EΩ/Washington & Jefferson
M/Allegheny College*	BM/Nevada*	ZH/Wofford*
O/USC	BO/Iowa	ZI/Washington & Lee
T/Northwestern	BΩ/Colorado College	ZM/MIT*
Φ/Pacific	ΓP/UC Santa Barbara	HI/San Diego
AO/Oklahoma*	ΓΣ/San Diego State*	ZY/UT Dallas*
AM/Missouri*	ΓT/Tulsa*	HI/ San Diego
ΑΠ/North Dakota	ΓX/Fresno State	HK/John Carroll
AP/South Dakota*	ΔE/Arizona State	HM/Occidental



PHILANTHROPY

Kappa Alpha Theta has a distinguished history of community service and philanthropic involvement. Since 1989, the focus of our philanthropy has been CASA, the Court Appointed Special Advocates program (In some communities, CASA is known as Guardian ad Litem and Pro Kids.) CASA's mission is to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children involved in juvenile courts.

Each year, college and alumnae chapters host fund-raisers that raise tens of thousands of dollars to support the work of their local CASA affiliates. More importantly, Thetas provide personal support by volunteering their time in local CASA offices, making toys or other items for CASA children, and hosting events for CASA children. Many Thetas complete the training to become CASA volunteers themselves.

Through generous donations from members and chapters, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation supports National CASA with a \$60,000 biennial grant. These monies provide education, training, and recruitment for volunteers, including publications, website development, a toll-free phone number, and the Program Director of the Year Award.

Through
CASA, Thetas
touch the lives
of children;

friendship fund

through the Friendship Fund, Thetas reach out and touch the lives of their sisters. Created in 1926 "...to make real to those who have met sorrow and temporary defeat the practical feel of sister hands clasping theirs in dark places," the Friendship Fund provides gifts to members experiencing extreme financial hardship due to serious or terminal illness, job loss, natural disaster, and other devastating occurrences.

In 2005, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation

received more than \$48,000 in contributions to the Friendship Fund. In accordance with tradition, many of these donations were collected at Founders Day celebrations, but many more were sent to the Foundation in response to the devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Thanks to the generosity of Thetas everywhere, the Friendship Fund provided gifts of more than \$48,000 to both alumnae and collegians, including 41 Thetas affected by the hurricanes.



MEMBER SERVICES



Burr Patterson & Auld Company is the official jeweler of the Fraternity, manufacturing all official and accessory jewelry.

Royalties from this association during the last fiscal year were just over \$148,000.

The Right Connection, doing business as The Pansy Peddler, has been Theta's merchandise vendor for 10 years. Royalties in 2004

exceeded \$4,600.

MBNA America Bank manages the Fraternity's affinity charge card, while Coverdell continues to provide insurance services. Royalties from these two programs in 2005 were about \$43,000. The Fraternity also works with National Collegiate to provide members with the Kappa Alpha Theta credit phone card and with IPPWeb to provide Internet services to our members and their families. Royalties from these programs in 2005 were about \$500.

Finally, QSP Magazine Subscription Program was used by college chapters to help defray the costs of the District Leadership Conferences. Royalties from this program went directly toward the conference fees of the participating groups. ♦



2005 ANNUAL REPORT

• JULY 1, 2004 - JUNE 30, 2005 •

Dear Thetas and Friends,

"The finest and most rewarding membership experience," is the vision that Grand Council, the Foundation Trustees, and executive leadership announced in 2005 through the Fraternity and Foundation's joint strategic plan. I am very excited about the adoption of this joint plan. This year, because of your support of the Foundation, we began to realize this vision. The Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity and Foundation pledge to hold fast and stay true to the core values of personal excellence, friendship and sisterhood, scholarship, service and leadership and the core purpose of supporting members to grow, learn, and excel. Thank you for assisting us in our vision.



Anne Sadler Budill

Thanks to your generous gifts, the Foundation awarded more than \$1 million dollars in grants and scholarships in 2004-2005. Approximately \$463,000 was awarded to 193 undergraduate and graduate Thetas. To also demonstrate our commitment to "the finest and most rewarding membership experience," \$372,000 was awarded to the Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity in support of alcohol education, speakers for district leadership conferences, archives development, the traveling educational leadership consultants, and other leadership development programs.

Last year, we experienced an outpouring of gifts to the Friendship Fund in response to the autumn hurricanes. We thank you for reaching out to your fellow sisters in need. This was the third year that we have extended the Friendship Fund to colleagues as well as alumnae, and we've been honored to assist them, thanks to your support. More than \$100,000 in Friendship Fund dollars have been raised for Thetas in dire financial need due to illness, loss of employment, or other tragedies in 2005.

On behalf of the Foundation Board of Trustees, I would like to say thank you for your continued support of the Foundation and the Fraternity. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the president of the Foundation. As I pass the gavel to the next president, I am confident that the Foundation is committed to upholding its mission of strengthening and empowering members through philanthropy and education. It is the "finest and most rewarding" work we can do.

Loyally,

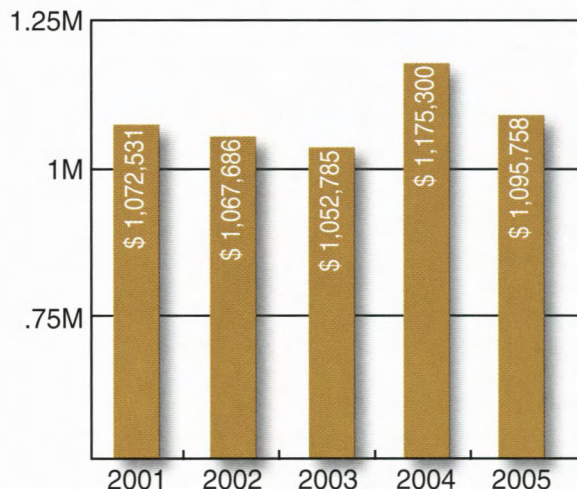
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AX/Purdue, Foundation President

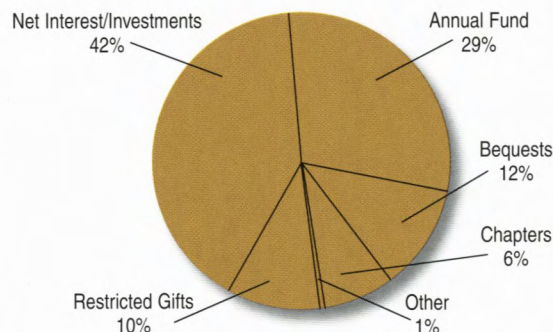
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS AWARDED

By Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation



FOUNDATION REVENUE*

July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005



Alumnae & College Chapters	\$ 147,483
Chapter Projects	19,281
Annual Fund	654,719
Other Contributions	5,010
Bequests Received	273,144
Gifts to Educational Trust Fund	130,929
Named Trust Gifts	20,500
Friendship Fund Donations	48,142
Net Investment Income	* 524,911
Other Revenues	10,048
Realized Gain on Sale of Investments	<u>455,940</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS & REVENUES	\$ 2,290,107

*Not including unrealized gain of \$ 233,744

THETA DOLLARS WORKING FOR THETAS

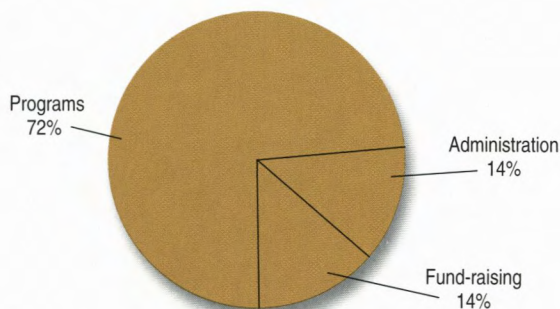
IN 2004-2005, THE
KAPPA ALPHA THETA FOUNDATION ...

- ... awarded almost \$463,000 in scholarships to 193 outstanding Theta scholars;
- ... through the Friendship Fund, presented \$48,150 to Theta alumnae experiencing financial hardship;
- ... granted more than \$372,000 to Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity to supply educational and leadership training programs;
- ... awarded more than \$24,000 from named endowment grant funds to individual members, collegiate chapters and alumnae groups;
- ... granted \$30,000 to national CASA;
- ... granted almost \$32,000 to collegians to attend LeaderShape;
- ... awarded more than \$1.1 million in total grants and scholarships.

THE KAPPA ALPHA THETA FOUNDATION
IS A LEADER IN THE GREEK WORLD, DISTRIBUTING MORE MONEY THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS THAN ANY OTHER FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION.

FOUNDATION EXPENSES

JULY 1, 2004 - JUNE 30, 2005



Administration	\$ 227,306
General Program Expenses	64,002
Fundraising Expenses	229,628
Scholarships	462,875
CASA Grant	30,000
Friendship Fund Gifts	48,157
Chapter Projects Grant	86,297
Educational Grants to Fraternity	372,113
DePauw Memorial Library	350
Heartsprings	38,908
Leadership Grants	32,351
Other Grants	24,707
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,616,694

friendship fund

AFTER THE STORM

In times of need, it's comforting to know you can count on your Theta sisters. When news came of the devastating destruction caused by the Gulf Coast hurricanes of 2005, Thetas from coast to coast opened their hearts, homes, and wallets to fellow sisters who were affected by the storms. By way of the Friendship Fund, college and alumnae chapters, as well as individuals, demonstrated the unbreakable bond Thetas have with one another.

FRIENDSHIP FUND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE RECORD-SETTING YEAR OF 2005 INCLUDED:

- Individuals, college chapters, and alumnae chapters donated 1,180 gifts to the Friendship Fund which totaled more than \$113,000.
- Thetas in need received Friendship Fund gifts totaling more than \$152,000.
- Of the \$152,000 in gifts, \$85,481 assisted Thetas affected by the Gulf Coast hurricanes and \$66,718 assisted Thetas experiencing severe financial need.

The Friendship Fund was established at Grand Convention in 1926 and for the past 80 years has provided financial assistance to Thetas experiencing severe financial distress, catastrophic illness, natural disaster, and urgent family crisis. Confidentiality remains one of the most important aspects of the Friendship Fund. Members write on behalf of a sister, and the proposed recipient may never know who recommended her for a gift. The Friendship Fund committee determines the gift amount, and a gift is given without expectation of repayment.

Thank you for your past, present, and future contributions to the Friendship Fund. As life continues to bring its challenges, the Friendship Fund will continue to be "a port in the storm," providing a tangible demonstration of support to our Theta sisters in need.

2004-2006 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Anne Sadler Budill <i>President, AX/Purdue</i>	Lisa Edelmann McLaughlin <i>BP/Duke</i>
Kathleen Bennett Tonkel <i>Vice-President, H/Michigan</i>	Jill Pedicord Peterson <i>BF/Colorado State</i>
Melanie McLendon Dowell <i>ΔE/Arizona State</i>	Karen Albrecht Ledbetter <i>Fraternity President, IT/Tulsa</i>
Suzanne Sterling King <i>ΓΦ/Texas Tech</i>	Deborah Bornmann Allen <i>Fraternity Vice-President Alumnae</i>
Kim Harvey Looney <i>ΔΠ/Tennessee</i>	ΔΘ/Florida



KAPPA ALPHA THETA FOUNDATION CONGRATULATES THE 2006 FOUNDERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP NOMINEES

Each year, every college chapter has the privilege and responsibility of nominating its most outstanding junior member for a Founders Memorial Scholarship. Four of the nominees are chosen to receive a \$10,000 scholarship honoring one of Theta's founders.

DISTRICT 1

Danielle Dravet	A/DePauw
Anne M. Sikora	B/Indiana
Anna R. Schmidt	Γ/Butler
Melissa A. Liepins	Δ/Illinois
Melissa Sideroff	H/Michigan
Emily M. Ouellette	N/Hanover
Christina M. Busuito	Π/Albion
Lauren J. Sandberg	T/Northwestern
Caroline Poduch	Ψ/Wisconsin
Jennifer L. Hektoen	AX/Purdue
Emily L. Rompelman	AΨ/Lawrence
Kate A. Moon	BΠ/Michigan State
Virginia L. McCoy	ΔΣ/Ball State
Alison L. Servi	EΦ/Chicago
Anna L. Sobieski	HN/Lake Forest

DISTRICT 2

Krista N. Lambo	Γ ^A /Ohio Wesleyan
Jennifer Berosh	M/Allegheny
Megan L. Wilson	AΓ/Ohio State
Stevi L. Gable	AT/Cincinnati
Tracy P. Riggle	BT/Denison
Katherine Kotsatos	BΦ/Penn State
Sara G. Chaney	ΓΥ/Miami
Sarah Yarnall	EA/Dickinson
Catherine M. Kruesi	EΠ/Bucknell
Hillary A. Smith	EΩ/Washington & Jefferson
Meghan V. Davlin	ZΣ/Ohio Northern
Constance Selent	HK/John Carroll

DISTRICT 3

Jacque Briesch	I/Cornell
Julie R. Dansker	X/Syracuse
Erin T. Kelly	AE/Brown
Supriya Dwivedi	BΨ/McGill
Alexandra Deeb	ΓZ/Connecticut
Katie A. Allen	ET/Yale
Stella D. Young	ZM/MIT

DISTRICT 4

Christina A. Clark	BA/William & Mary
Jane M. Yovovich	BP/Duke
Laura C. Johnston	ΓM/Maryland
Meg. L. Halford	ΔX/Virginia
Christina Gamba	EM/Princeton
Margaret Shamburger	EO/Randolph-Macon
Anna K. Childson	EP/Lehigh
Patricia M. Costello	EΨ/Richmond
Kelly J. Price	ZI/Washington & Lee
Jessica Gutman	ZT/Delaware
Ashley Devonshire	ZX/John Hopkins

DISTRICT 5

China A. Irwin	AH/Vanderbilt
Nicole L. Schneider	BN/Florida State
Casey M. Dudas	ΓI/Kentucky
Jessica L. Combs	ΔZ/Emory
Ryan E. Eastmoore	ΔΘ/Florida
Haylee L. Dickinson	ΔO/Alabama
Katie E. Gruenwald	ΔY/Eastern Kentucky
Katrina M. Detyens	ΔΦ/Clemson
Rachel Hayden	EH/Centre
Erin R. Rolland	ZH/Wofford
Melanie Boukas	HΘ/Central Florida

DISTRICT 6

Anna Johnson	AΘ/Texas
Maile E. Akina	AO/Oklahoma
Stacy L. Murray	BZ/Oklahoma State
Rachel E. Brown	BΣ/SMU
Maria A. Gaw	ΓT/Tulsa
Melanie R. Smith	ΓΦ/Texas Tech
Stacey Foley	ΔK/Louisiana State
Chelsea L. Munn	ΔΩ/Texas A&M
Sarah Shepherd	EZ/Mississippi
Melissa R. Simpson	ZY/UT Dallas

DISTRICT 7

Georgina E. Lerman	O/USC
Anneka Hoof	BM/Nevada
Jessica Wilson	BΞ/UCLA
Katie Crossgrove	ΓΣ/San Diego State
Merry Beth E. Ballinger	ΓX/Fresno State
Ashley M. McNamee	ΔE/Arizona State
Vanessa Jorion	EΣ/UC Irvine
Ilana Spokoyny	ZP/UC San Diego
Lorine Carey	ZΦ/Pepperdine
Mollie McDonnell	ZΘ/Cal. Polytechnic State

DISTRICT 8

Lauren L. Gallow	Φ/Pacific
Lauren E. Rosner	Ω/UC Berkeley
Rachael L. Ballien	AA/Washington
Amy Gordon	AΣ/Washington State
Stacy J. Thomsen	BE/Oregon State
Heather S. Pearson	BΘ/Idaho
Polina Konstantinova	BY/British Columbia
Lauren E. Miller	ΔI/Puget Sound
Ann Walkush	Φ ^A /Stanford
Ariel Guggenheim	ZN/UC Davis
Kristen M. Sabala	HH/Albertson
Linda K. Chen	HA/Santa Clara

DISTRICT 9

April Pinon	K/Kansas
Sara D. Elrod	P/Nebraska
Sarah Stodola	Y/Minnesota
Laura A. Donnelly	AM/Missouri
Amanda C. Brodeur	AΠ/North Dakota
Elizabeth A. Naber	AP/South Dakota
Lindsey Brown	AY/Washburn
Susanne Haehnel	AΓ/Colorado State
Tera L. Haselden	BI/Colorado
Kate E. Crouse	BK/Drake
Carrie E. Swint	BΩ/Colorado College
Brittany Gustafson	ΓN/North Dakota State
Sarah Smith	ΓΠ/Iowa State
Andrea M. Geist	ΔH/Kansas State
Lauren A. Pilgram	EI/Westminster

Names received as of February 1, 2006

Strengthening and empowering members through philanthropy and education, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation will award more than \$490,000 in 2006 undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

ON CAMPUS

College Chapters Reveal What Makes Them Special

H/Michigan

Last October, the Eta Chapter put on a variety show that will be remembered for years to come. Rock the Casa, which took place in the Mendelson Theatre in Ann Arbor, Mich., was a fund-raising event for CASA. From our new members to the seniors, everyone was involved.

The show opened up with a popular campus band called Midnight Special. There were four dance groups and two of the campus's favorite a cappella groups. One of the most unique performances of the night was Groove Percussion, an enthusiastic group that bangs and stomps on trash cans. In between each act, an improv comedy group performed skits with audience interaction. Finally, Beth Kerwin, a Theta, sang her own written songs while playing the piano.

While these performances made for a great show, it was more than just that which had a huge effect on the audience. Before the show began, Michelle Zolnoski, event coordinator, introduced two CASA volunteers from Washtenaw County. They explained how the donations from the show would affect so many children in need. When one volunteer spoke of her experience with a child who has been moved around many foster homes, it greatly impacted the audience.

This was our first year putting on a variety show, and the success of the event was greater than any of us could have ever imagined. We raised more than \$2,300 for CASA, and educated many people on campus about this organization. Rock the CASA is now going to become an annual event that will only improve as the years go on. Not only are we looking forward to another great show next year, but so are many of the students on campus who attended it.

T/Northwestern

Throughout 2005, Tau Chapter raised a total of \$7,294 through philanthropy events, doubling the amount raised in 2004.

In May, we joined hands with the Chi Psi Fraternity, commonly known as Lodge, for an annual philanthropy event, Theta-Lodge Throwdown. Teams of five or six students participated in a wide variety of field-day events.

By volunteering at each football game, selling hot-dogs and popcorn to Wildcats fans at the concession stands, we collected and donated a total of \$4,731.02 to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, \$3,731.02 of which was earmarked for the Tau Scholarship Fund, and \$1,000 as an unrestricted gift.

In October, we participated in Sigma Chi's annual philanthropy event, Derby Days. The event benefited the Children's Miracle Network; in addition, 10 percent of all money raised was earmarked for the winning sorority's charity. Upon our first-place finish, we were awarded \$1,200 from Sigma Chi, in addition to \$25 from Panhellenic, and the money was then donated to Lake County CASA.

Later that same month, we held Grill-off. Sorority and fraternity pairs competed with one another to see who could cook the best food. The proceeds, \$1,338, were donated to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, earmarked for the Friendship Fund to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina.

In addition to its philanthropic success, Tau Chapter is full of an eclectic group of bright, active, and athletic girls, who combined have the best GPA of any other group on campus.



ΓΨΥ Santa Barbara

Y/Minnesota

We had a productive fall semester at the Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. One of the many highlights was our annual Kite King Philanthropy Week. About a dozen Fraternity men signed up and attempted to win our hearts by participating in our philanthropy events. On Tuesday of Kite King Week, we hosted a dance at a local veterans' home in Minneapolis. Everyone—young and old—had a wonderful time dancing, chatting, and eating! The event allowed us to make connections outside of the university and raise awareness about the values of the Greek community. On Wednesday, we fought off the harsh Minnesota climate with our annual Chili Feed. We had a great turnout, delicious chili, and an intense eating contest. It was definitely a success; we raised \$640 for CASA and ran out of chili before the night was over.

ΑΘ/Texas

The Alpha Theta Chapter at the University of Texas and its alumnae organized an alumnae career day in November. Theta alumna Amy Henry Deane, known for her success on NBC's *The Apprentice*, spoke about marketing and preparing for the future. After her presentation, we had the opportunity to meet with Thetas working in fields matching our interests. And we all enjoyed mingling over tea and crumpets. Thank you to the Austin alumnae for making our first career day special!

ΒΑ/William & Mary

As this year's Homecoming theme—Proud Past, Bright Future—suggested, the Beta Lambda Chapter has an excellent reputation to maintain. At our alumnae brunch during Homecoming weekend, graduated Thetas gathered to reminisce about all of the fun times they had in college ... the date parties, recruitment skits, pledge formals ... Beta Lambdas have been having a great time for quite awhile now. Theta also involves hard work, and this year, it all paid off when we received awards in the float and banner competitions.

While Homecoming was a time to honor those who have graduated, we have also been busy looking toward the future. Nothing signals the beginning of the school year better than recruitment, and this year was no

exception. After weeks of hard work and numerous rounds of looking for the perfect new sister, the Thetas welcomed an outstanding new member class. These new girls most certainly ensure that Beta Lambda's future remains bright!

We also looked out for the future of others, namely those children under the care of CASA. The promise of all-you-can-eat tacos and ice cream brought herds of hungry people to our facility for Fiesta de la CASA. This year, the yard outside of the house was transformed by Christmas lights, picnic tables, and the always-necessary boom box. The festive atmosphere even attracted donations from people walking by the house. By the end of the night, 400 people filled up on tacos and ice cream, and Theta raised more than \$2,000 for CASA.

Throughout the semester, Thetas have been celebrating their proud past but always looking to make their future, and the future of others, even brighter.

ΒΣ/SMU

Hurricane Katrina's devastation touched the hearts of each Theta at SMU. After the storm, we wondered, "What can we do to help?" It didn't take long before thoughts were put into motion. Beta Sigma immediately donated \$1,500 to the Friendship Fund. The girls are also continuing to individually donate money to SMU's "Three Weeks of Relief" campaign, which will be given to the Red Cross.

But we wanted to show our love and support in more personal ways.

Fifteen members of the Tulane football team were invited to the house for a Monday dinner. Although there was no convincing the Tulane team to play lightly against the SMU Ponies, we were able to make new acquaintances. We also happily embraced two members of the Alpha Phi Chapter



ΔΖ/Emory

at Tulane with warmth and excitement. Dana Youngren, one of the Tulane Thetas, was able to move into the house cost-free, and we are enjoying her presence.

ΓP/UC Santa Barbara

The Gamma Rho Chapter has been very busy since the beginning of the school year. Fall recruitment exceeded our expectations, and we initiated 23 new members into our chapter. We are so excited about our new girls, who are both amazing and fun!

Our main philanthropy event, CASA kickball, was very successful. Sixteen teams competed, and we raised approximately \$1,000 for CASA. As the holidays approached, we decorated CASA holiday bags, which were later stuffed with toys by our Theta alumnae. This was not only a fun sisterhood event, but tested our creativity level as well!

The Thetas at UCSB found the perfect balance between social and academics. We were awarded the highest GPA out of all Panhellenic sororities for spring quarter. Both our sisterhood and social events were popular, and more enjoyable times await us in the upcoming quarters. It is great to be a Theta!

ΔZ/Emory

The women of Delta Zeta at Emory University are extremely well-rounded. In addition to being active and enthusiastic about the chapter, we also take our studies very seriously and are extremely passionate about getting involved in extracurricular activities both inside and outside of the Greek community. With sisters involved in theater, athletics, debate, chorus, student government, and many other organizations, we pride ourselves on being an eclectic group of women.

With eight members inducted into Phi Beta Kappa this year, and 19 members earning a 4.0 GPA last semester, Emory Thetas are known for their academic excellence. In addition, we are known on campus for our strong sisterhood and the appreciation we have for one another, our chapter, and the Fraternity as a whole.

This fall, we were especially proud of our second annual main philanthropy event, Greek Physique. It is an

all-male, all-Greek pageant that featured one member from each Fraternity on campus. While the inaugural pageant was a success, this year we increased our fund-raising by 1000 percent, generating almost \$2,000 for our local CASA. This event was also a fantastic opportunity for our sisters to work together as a chapter, be a part of the greater Greek community as a whole, and show Emory just how special Theta is to us.



ΔK/LSU

In the wake of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, several members of Louisiana State University's Delta Kappa Chapter stepped up to the plate and gave of their time and talent. Across campus, volunteers were needed to perform tasks ranging from manning hotlines to entertaining rescued pets, and Delta Kappas answered the call.

Sophomore Janna Mistrzak worked for ten hours in a temporary shelter on campus unloading supplies to give to New Orleans evacuees. She distributed pounds upon pounds of MREs, blankets, pillows, toothbrushes, and other personal necessities for evacuees to take with them to more permanent shelters. Janna was struck by the enormity of the disaster, and said that it was "very strange to be in the middle of a national news event." Jill Wilbert, another Delta Kappa sophomore, donated some of her own personal items, including her favorite blanket, to hurricane victims. Jill also volunteered at a short-term shelter for rescued pets and spent hours feeding and walking puppies. Ellen Johnson, one

of Delta Kappa's new members, spent a weekend in Biloxi, Miss., working in conjunction with Biloxi's First Presbyterian Church to assist in hurricane relief efforts there. Ellen spent her nights sleeping outside in a tent, and she spent her days distributing food, water, medical supplies, and anything she could to people who suddenly needed everything.

Many more Delta Kappas joined in the relief effort and contributed much

to the communities surrounding Louisiana State University. Although their activities varied, all of Delta Kappa's volunteers agreed that their experiences were very rewarding and that all those benefiting from their help were very grateful.

EO/Randolph-Macon

Our chapter has been very busy this fall, welcoming five new members and one transfer student into our chapter. They, along with the rest of our chapter, were involved in a service project to send packages to Iraq. We collected enough supplies to send eight packages to the soldiers containing food, magazines, and toiletry items. We also included a letter to every soldier in the platoon who received a package.

After the soldiers received our packages, the soldiers responded with e-mails and pictures thanking us for taking time to remember them. Some of us have kept in touch with "our" soldiers, and we will continue to correspond throughout the year. This project was not especially difficult for us, but we can see from their heartfelt responses how important those packages were each and every soldier who



is away from his or her family and friends. Some of the troops that received our packages will be coming home soon, but we will continue to send more packages to other troops who will be remaining in Iraq. This service project was a great starting point for the beginning of the year and we hope that the rest of our school year will be just as successful.

ZΘ/Cal Polytechnic State

The Zeta Theta Chapter started off the school year with a "boom boom." First we had an amazing couple of weeks preparing for formal recruitment, reuniting after the long summer, learning crazy songs and dances, and traveling down to the Gamma Rho Chapter at UC Santa Barbara for a full day of recruitment practice. During the weekend of formal recruitment, the Eta Iota Chapter from USD helped us meet and recruit potential new members. Both chapters had a blast comparing exchanges, fraternities, local hot spots, and—of course—meeting and bonding as sisters.

We would like to extend a huge thanks to Gamma Rho and Eta Iota because we had a remarkable recruitment with 30 new members. The actives and new members are already having a blast with Biker Bash, Toga

Party, and Big Sis/Little Sis week and are looking forward to an amazing rest of the year.

ΣΣ/Ohio Northern

Friends, fun, and philanthropy are three things that are important to the Zeta Sigma Chapter at Ohio Northern University. Our annual philanthropies for CASA bring us all together for fun and fund-raising. In the fall, our chapter holds Mr. ONU; this year we raised more than \$400 for the local CASA in Hancock County. Our other big fundraiser for CASA is Theta Twister. Teams of four students play some crazy games of Twister; last year, Theta Twister brought in about \$130. Besides these two main events, we also sell Crush Grams at Valentine's Day and make picture frames or candy jars to be given to CASA children.

Along with raising money for CASA, we have other service projects in the Ada community throughout the year. We make regular visits to the Villa, a nursing home in a nearby community, to play cards or other games with the residents. During Christmas, we participate in Adopt-a-Family and bring Christmas to a wonderful family in our area. We also sponsor a community Easter egg hunt, faculty gift wrapping, and Adopt-a-

Highway. The sisters of the Zeta Sigma Chapter love coming together to raise money for CASA and to help the campus and community.

ZΦ/Pepperdine

The happiest place on earth became a little happier when 69 Thetas from Zeta Phi Chapter of Pepperdine University spent the day at Disneyland in November. With the theme park decorated for Christmas, the chapter enjoyed rides, food, and sisterhood. Together, we laughed and screamed while riding roller coasters like Indiana Jones Adventure and the newly renovated Space Mountain.

"We weren't worried about planning events, or basic housekeeping stuff that always has to get done," social chair Elizabeth Wells said. "The main point was to have fun."

All that time and energy paid off, and at the end of the day the members of the chapter, some donning Minnie Mouse ears, were closer than before.

"The importance of sisterhood time, like Disneyland trips, is displayed through the participation of the chapter," Yvette Ochoa said. ♦



Internationally acclaimed
color photomontage artist

Sister Adele Rowland

uses her camera to

reflect the divine

Fresno State University and, in 1949, received her Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley.

Following a year in Munich, Germany, Rowland finally launched her life's dream in 1950 at age 34, when she took her vows and joined the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael (California).

"While I had no question about what I'd do when I grew up, I also knew it would be best to keep it secret for a long while," says Sister Adele, Omicron/USC. "It was very honorable for a son to become a priest, but it was not as well received for a daughter to become a nun.

"I recall my mother was much more upset than my father," she adds. "She was very stressed and had tremendous circles under her eyes. We would often entertain friends and father would say, 'Helen, you'll have to tell our visitors why you look the way you do.'

"Mother later told me she could only understand happiness in the way she had experienced it. Once she knew I was truly happy in the convent, she was fine."

Along her path to the Dominican convent, Sister Adele also nurtured an avid interest in photography, a hobby she traces to the 1920s when she experimented with her father's rudimentary cameras.

She bought her first camera a year before joining the order, but was prepared to relinquish it to the mother general of the Dominican Sisters, in accordance with the order's vow of poverty. "(The mother general) was most encouraging," Sister Adele recalls. "She told me to keep my camera, and to use it to take photos for the Dominican College's advertisements and brochures."

Spiritual Focus

By Jan Schmitz Mathew, Δ/Illinois

The year was 1924, and Eugenia Adele Rowland knew exactly what she wanted to do with her life.

Only one thing stood in her way: convents in the United States didn't accept third-graders.

While she waited patiently to "grow up," Rowland nurtured her mind, spirit, and sense of adventure. The daughter of an Army officer, she lived on

military posts on both coasts and Hawaii—transferring to eight different schools by age 10. After attending Carnegie Mellon and the University of Hawaii, Rowland earned bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from the University of Southern California and a doctorate in the history of education from the University of California at Berkeley. She taught for 10 years as an English professor at



Ascona

In a small Swiss town, a flat gray building has been transformed through golden ginkgo leaves still wearing early morning dew.



Henry

From Sister Adele's China exhibition, *Henry* captured the hearts of the Chinese museum visitors.

Those words proved prophetic, eventually pointing Sister Adele toward a spiritually expansive artistic ministry that radiated from San Rafael to France, China, Greece, and beyond.

DEVELOPING A POSITIVE FOCUS

As a faculty member of Dominican College (now Dominican University of California), Sister Adele taught in the fields of humanities and English literature. When photography was added to the curriculum in the mid-1960s, she again found herself at the head of the class ... and faced with some challenging opportunities.

"At the time, so many photography exhibits were of very negative things, such as the drug scene," Sister Adele recalls. "I wanted my students to see it was possible to produce unusual art that was upbeat in attitude and acceptable on museum walls. That's how I developed photomontage."

Specifically, photomontage is a form of "painting" with film. According to art critics, Sister Adele has elevated photomontage to a fine

art by introducing counterpoint imagery, a fracturing of the primary image into multiple layers, each of which communicates her perception of the variety and irony of life. Together, the juxtaposed elements form a dynamic, new whole.

Photomontage is also a fine art form that is largely self-taught. Although Sister Adele attended several workshops led by renowned photographer Ansel Adams, whom she met through his association with the Dominican congregation, and also studied with artist Jerry Uelsmann, her photography—unlike theirs—is color.

"Perhaps it's the difference between a pianist who has been taught to play, and someone who hears a song once and knows how to play it," she says, explaining her artistic instincts. "To me, all creation reflects divinity, and I'm interested in producing art that helps the viewer become conscious of the permanent presence of God."

"I refer to my images as spiritual rather than religious," she adds, "and the goal of my counterpoint imagery is to evoke for viewers some of the mystery and joy of life."

"The viewer must bring something to the experience as well. It's hard to glance at these and run; people tell me that the more they look at my art, the more they see."

Sister Adele's website offers glimpses and descriptions of several such compelling images:

Pueblo Spirit—"The buttresses of an early adobe church near Taos, New Mexico, were originally painted by Georgia O'Keeffe, photographed in black-and-white by Ansel Adams, and finally montaged in color by Sister Adele, for whom the result expresses great stillness; silent mystery; a sense of the presence of divinity."

Arizona Butte—"While our eyes are caught by the play between the concentric circles of the overlay versus the rectangular form of the butte, ultimately it is rather the heightened awareness of the power behind the stillness, strength, and majesty of the butte that is the artist's focus."

"I do photography to help uplift spirits," Sister Adele explains. "My art ministry would do no good if images were hanging in a basement instead of on gallery walls."

Her first exhibit, at a small gallery in Carmel, Calif., was a precursor to an enthusiastic worldwide reception. "Over and over, comments in the guest book read, 'uniqueness of technique and extremely strong spiritual element,'" she says. "That charmed me because, so often, the comments were penned in a very young person's handwriting."

By 1975, Sister Adele was appointed artist-in-residence for the Dominican Sisters, and her photography was garnering national and international awards.

Her camera, it seemed, had both captured and reflected the eyes of the world.

HONORING AN ARTISTIC MINISTRY

To date, Sister Adele's photomontages have been exhibited in eight countries, including group shows in the United States, Europe, and Asia, and solo shows in venues from Milan to Beijing. Several public collections also display her art, including the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Paris Bibliotheque Nationale, the Washington, DC, Library of Congress, and China's Nanjing Museum. Her limited, numbered editions also are found in more than 200 private and corporate collections, including that of Pope Benedict XVI, who owns a copy

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of Henry.

"It seems my work has had a warmer, faster welcome in countries outside of the United States," says Sister Adele. "Audiences in China, for example, were particularly excited. They had never seen anything like it and described the collection as 'fresh.'"

Identifying the images closest to her own heart, however, is an impossible task. "There are naturally some I have an affinity for," she admits, "but it's like asking a mother which of her six daughters she loves most."

"I don't plan ahead in terms of what I want the image to be, and I'm often reminded of a quote from Robert Frost: 'People read so much more into my work than I think is there.'"

The most recent interpretation carried with it a prestigious international honor: A 2005 Mother Teresa Award for her role as an American photographer. Established in 2005 by the Catholic art foundation St. Bernadette Institute of Sacred Art, the Mother Teresa Award program celebrates spiritual accomplishments in the secular

world. Sister Adele was among 33 recipients whose ranks included South African human rights activist Archbishop Desmond Tutu,

evangelist Reverend Billy Graham, actor and film producer Mel Gibson, former President Jimmy Carter, and the late Pope John Paul II.

"It was such a highlight for me, particularly since I approve so heartily of the foundation's goals," she says. "I also think it's true what Mother Teresa herself said: 'The world yearns not just for food, but for beauty.'"

At an age when most colleagues are long retired, Sister Adele continues to beautify her world. "I've been compared to the battery commercial with the Energizer bunny," she says, laughing. "People tell me I never stop." She logs daily hours in her office, described as a small but lovingly adorned space in Dominican University's Angelico Hall. Here, surrounded by her photomontage images, paperweights, carved images, delicate tables, and upholstered chairs, she creates new art and, just as often, assembles existing images for upcoming exhibits. Requests can range from one or two images to 100 or more, as was the case for a recent exhibit in China.

Sister Adele also is active in the Marin County Alumnae Chapter, whose members describe her as "quite a storyteller," particularly when the topics are her childhood or early teaching career.

"I may have been a 'pathfinder,' but it wasn't voluntarily that I did so," Sister Adele admits. "I would have given my eyetooth to have had a mentor in my field. Instead, I learned by my bootstraps, which may or may not be the best way."

"Based on my personal experiences, I would advise today's young people to simply believe in themselves, and to have the courage to act along the lines of their principles."

Editor's note: For a glimpse of Sister Adele Rowland's photomontage counterpoint imagery, visit her website at: www.sisteradele.com. ♦

The Method of Montage

Although guided largely by instinct, Sister Adele Rowland's photomontage also results from practiced mechanics, steps, she claims, that can be followed by anyone with open eyes and willing spirit.

She offers the following tips:

Locate a dependable source of slide film, and find a custom lab for slide film processing and printing. You'll need a slide projector and, if possible, a small rearview screen.

Over-expose each slide. The level of over-exposure is largely trial and error, but try a one-half stop and then one full stop for starters.

Think of your montage as a pair of slides with a dominant and a minor image, with the primary one being perhaps the stronger in idea, form, color, or

uniqueness, while the secondary one supports, amplifies, or challenges the first. Together, they create something that neither could communicate alone.

When you've selected the pairs you feel work best together (from a pool of 50 or 60 slides, Sister Adele generally will choose four or five pairs), tape their cardboard edges together. Then, using a rearview screen and projector, test your selections.

Take those that pass your test to the lab, and request sample prints of each.

FRIENDSHIP BEGINS WITH A STRONG (KAΘ) FOUNDATION

By Emily Whalen, X/Syracuse



Dr. Frieda Hale

Frieda Hale, Alpha Theta/Texas, was struggling to find a profession that inspired her. She believed women should aspire to high-level positions, because it is people in those positions who will change the world. But it wasn't until her Theta Alumnae Chapter, NW Houston, celebrated Founders Day that Hale got her answer. Her mentor, Dorothy Whitehurst Heard, Alpha Theta/Texas, suggested that she apply for a scholarship from the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation and go to dental school.

Unaware that the Foundation offered scholarships to graduate students, Hale was thrilled when she applied for and received one. "I was so grateful, and it made it much easier to go to school." She attended the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and earned her DDS degree. Today Dr. Hale is in the private practice of dentistry and insists that it is the best thing that ever happened to her.

Hale's story acts as a powerful testimonial for the success and importance of Kappa Alpha Theta's Foundation. Without the Foundation, she simply would not have the opportunities she has

today, and she would not be inspired to create opportunities for Thetas in the future.

To promote awareness and appreciation, April has been named Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation Awareness Month. The Foundation's mission is to strengthen and empower its members through philanthropy and education. If we take a moment and consider these implications, we realize that the sole objective is to strengthen and empower Thetas ... you and me! At the same time, the Foundation exists because we, you and me, are committed to its mission. Each individual who makes a contribution joins an invisible community of support which becomes tangible through the scholarships, grants, and gifts of the Foundation. This support resonates within each story of the beneficiaries.

NOT ALONE

Gwen Davis Lipetska, Delta Omega/Texas A&M, and her three children were used to moving due to husband Matthew's profession in the Navy. So when they were transferred to Lake View, a subdivision of New Orleans, last August, it was no surprise. It didn't take long for the five moving men to unload the two large moving trucks containing the family's possessions into the

house. They were settled and continued life as usual ... for about a week.

On August 27, the citizens of Lake View were evacuated to Houston due to Hurricane Katrina. Two days later, the levees broke. The Lipetskaskas wouldn't return to their house until October. The entire area had flooded, and ten feet of water had filled their single-story home for three weeks. Gwen Lipetska described going through the mud-filled, moldy house to salvage her family's things as "...the most difficult thing I've ever had to do." After scouring the property, the Lipetskaskas retrieved only enough mementoes and belongings to fill five Rubbermaid containers.

Little did Lipetska know that miles away from her personal tragedy, four of her Delta Omega sisters decided to nominate her to be a recipient of the

Foundation's Friendship Fund. This Fund was established to assist Theta sisters experiencing severe financial dis-



Gwen Davis Lipetska & family

distress, catastrophic illness, natural disaster, and urgent family crisis.

Gwen Lipetska was overwhelmed to receive a gift from the Friendship Fund. "I have always been on the donating end, and it is harder to receive than to give, but I guess that this is the season of our lives when we needed this, and we are so touched," she commented. One of the few items that she did recover from her house was her Theta badge, and she felt reassured by the thought that she was not in this alone, that all Thetas were supporting her and her family.

CHAPTER FOUNDER

Kate Hogge Fowler wanted more from her college experience at Albertson than the local organizations could offer. Self-starter and determined leader, Fowler did her research and played an integral role in colonizing the Eta Eta Chapter. She chose Theta because it provided that sense of something bigger, because it would enable an instant bond with women all over the country through common ritual and ideals.

As a charter member, Fowler made it her business to educate herself and her sisters about the Foundation. She received a Foundation grant to attend the National LeaderShape Institute, a not-for-profit organization committed to developing young adults to lead with integrity. "That was the biggest thing for me ... I gained confidence in myself as a leader."

Today Fowler is a financial consultant with Ernst & Young, LLP, in New York City. She says that the experiences the Fraternity and the Foundation have provided "... reinforce what I can bring to the table. I am a young woman, consulting professionals in Fortune 500 companies who are older, and more experienced; yet, I can do my job with confidence, because I know how to work with people, to find a common ground." She also volunteers as the public relations district director for District III.

THETA TIES

Growing up in Nashville, the word *cancer* wasn't in Carley O'Shea's vocabulary; that is, until her mother was diagnosed. Watching her mother battle cancer for the next three years

would be a difficult and confusing time for O'Shea, but she found comfort in a group of friends her mother called her "Theta sisters." Having grown up in Nashville and attended Vanderbilt, Elizabeth O'Shea

had a readily available support group of friends to assist her family in their time of need. Carley O'Shea realized that there was something special between her mother and these Theta women, and this experience planted the seeds for what would become two passions in her life, Theta and medicine.

Several years later, O'Shea attended the University of Georgia where she joined the Gamma Delta Chapter. When O'Shea was deterred from activities due to her grueling pre-med curriculum, it was her sisters who encouraged her to be committed to her goals.

During her junior year, she received one of the Foundation's most prestigious scholarships. In her application, she wrote about a Theta who had inspired her. "My mother leads by example. She consistently exemplifies social, intellectual, and moral growth. She uses difficult times in life as a foundation for development. My desire to become a physician has been fueled by watching her accomplish amazing things. I am incredibly blessed to have a hero who entices me to work hard to make a difference."

Today, O'Shea attends medical school at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She ultimately would like to specialize in women's healthcare.

STILL THEY CARED

Karen Stollenmeyer
Klomp, Mu/Allegheny,

Carley O'Shea



Kate Hogge Fowler

revealed the teacher in her as she conducted the interview for this article while making valentines with her two grandsons, who were reluctant to share grandma's attention. In 2001, Klomp was the co-owner of a nursery school in Manhattan, located just three blocks from the World Trade Center. In its 15th year of operation, some 120 children were enrolled that fall.

On September 11, when the towers fell, Klomp and her staff quickly evacuated the children on a boat to Jersey City.

When Klomp was able to return to her Manhattan apartment, she discovered that—due to an open window—the dust that filled the NYC air had infiltrated her home and covered everything. Although the building that contained her nursery school was not damaged, all the toys had to be cleaned and sanitized before the school could re-open. For three weeks, Klomp and her co-owner lived in one of the classrooms. When they reopened, only 11 children were enrolled. Things were dismal.

But not long after, Klomp was sorting through her mail and



noticed an envelope from the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. Upon opening it, she discovered a letter and a check. The letter explained that she had been nominated to be a recipient of a Friendship Fund gift. "I burst into tears, which I may do right now," Karen remarked matter-of-factly. "They hadn't even been there that day, and still they cared."

Klomp has been a Theta alum for 50 years, and although she has been giving to the Foundation for years, she never dreamed that one day she would be a

recipient. Today she is retired and living in Florida, that is when she is not caring for her beloved grandchildren.

FOR A LIFETIME

Samantha Hunter, Delta Zeta/Emory, knew that her Theta experience had not ended with graduation, and she applied to be an educational leadership consultant (ELC). One of the benefits of an ELC is the training the position affords. She took advantage of this by improving her leadership skills and knowledge of all that Theta has to offer to both collegians and alumnae, including scholarships.

Hunter aspired to a career in law.

As her year as an ELC came to an end, she applied for and was awarded a scholarship from the Foundation; later she would apply for and receive a second scholarship to continue to help her

pay tuition for law school.

"I owe the scholarships to being an ELC; I almost missed out on a huge selling point. Theta is not just a social club; it is an organization that gives you the opportunity to support yourself though scholarship." Hunter continues to work to impress upon collegians the opportunities made available to members by the Foundation.

She also believes ardently in the philosophy of Theta for a lifetime. Although her first year of law school was extremely intense, she served as advisory board chairman at the University of Florida. She felt that Theta was supporting her, and therefore advising was a service that she could give back.

Today Samantha Hunter is an attorney with the civil appeals section of the Florida Attorney General's Office. She says that it is a pleasure to give to the Foundation because she knows that she is playing a role in helping another Theta to reach her goals, just as she was helped.

SURVIVOR IN NEED

Angela Goundas, Zeta Psi/Southern Mississippi, was working for WOLX, a news channel covering Biloxi, Gulfport, and Pascagoula, Miss., in

Karen Stollenmeyer Klomp & grandson, Henry



Through the Years: A Time Line of Philanthropy

1902 Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter establishes a Scholarship Fund.

1907 A national committee of the Fraternity assumes management of the Scholarship Fund.

1917 The KAΘ War Service Fund is established. Funds are raised to outfit the nurses of one base hospital in France. \$3,800 is presented to the Red Cross for this purpose. The remaining funds – \$1,670 – are carried over to other war-related projects, and fund-raising continues.

1918 KAΘ War Service Funds are used to pay the expenses of a Red Cross worker. Ruth Townley, Mu/Allegheny, is sent overseas to serve as a canteen worker in France. Letters detailing her experiences are published in *The Magazine*. (More information is available at www.kap-

paalphatheta.org>Chapter Resources>Educational Resources>KAΘ Service in Two World Wars.)

1922 Grand Convention delegates vote to establish a special library collection at DePauw in honor of Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity's founding at Indiana Asbury/DePauw University. Start-up funding comes from the War Service Funds remaining following the end of World War I.

1925 The first books for the special collection are purchased. Initially, all books purchased relate to vocations for women.

1926 The Friendship Fund is established. (More information on the Friendship Fund can be found at www.kappaalphatheta.org>The Foundation>Friendship Fund.)

1929 The first scholarships funded by the Loan and Fellowship Fund are awarded, responding to the wide-spread financial needs of collegians in the Depression years.

1942 The Foster Parent Plan is adopted as a national project as World War II wreaks havoc on families around the

The Theta collection at the Roy O. West Library at DePauw.



August 2005. Her home was in Gulfport. As a resident and news reporter of this area, covering storms and hurricanes was almost routine. So when Hurricane Katrina changed course, she packed a bag, knowing that the 24/7 coverage would require her to stay at the station overnight, and went to work. What she didn't realize was that this would be the last time she would ever see her house and all of her belongings.

As the storm intensified, Goundas remembers being scared. Although she and her colleagues did report the news, there was a tangible feeling of helplessness, a sense that no one really knew what was going on. Goundas's parents, brother's family, and 90-year-old grandmother all lived in the area as well. So for the next several days in the WOLX station, Goundas balanced work, sleep, and communicating however she could with her family.

Like all storms, Katrina would pass, but what would it leave for Goundas? When she returned to her home, she discovered nothing but a slab of concrete covered in debris.

For the next two-and-a-half months, her parents' home became a bunker for Goundas, her brother's family, and her grandmother, who had been evacuated from her retirement community.

Goundas slept on an air mattress in the living room; she had nothing to her name but the contents of the overnight bag she had packed for the station. So she began to research avenues of support.

She contacted the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, not realizing that the Foundation had already received money in donations specifically for Katrina victims, or as Goundas calls herself, Katrina survivors in need. When Goundas received a check for four times the amount that she had requested from the Friendship Fund, she was speechless. "Even though they tell you it is Theta for a lifetime, once you leave college you aren't sure how it will be." She described the gift as the most heartwarming experience she had after the storm: a nation of women who did not know her supported her through a difficult time without expectation. The first thing that Goundas bought with the Foundation money was a new badge.

After the two-and-a-half months spent at her parent's home, Angela Goundas moved to Norfolk, Va, and a job with Portsmouth's WAVY-TV. The local alumnae chapter welcomed her with open arms, and she is grateful for her Theta ties. Goundas sees her Katrina experience as one that made her grow up a little

faster. "It is hard but rewarding, because I have learned so much about myself," Goundas reflected. Before concluding her interview for this story, Goundas added that she had looked forward to it because she is still healing and it helps to just say thank you. And she did.

SOUTHERN WOMAN

Holly Morris, Delta Omicron/Alabama, lived in Alabama for several years as a child; however, her family did move around a bit. So when she graduated



Angela Goundas

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globe. The first Theta chapter to adopt a foster child is also the first college fraternity group in the US to engage in this effort.

1943 The KAΘ Relief and Rehabilitation Fund is established. The fund provides monies for libraries on US and Canadian merchant marine ships, which carry troop supplies and cargo. Each library is named in honor of one of Theta's own war fatalities.

1946 The Institute of Logopedics, a treatment center for those with communication disorders in Wichita, Kan., is approved by dele-



gates at Grand Convention as the Fraternity's national philanthropy. The Institute's mission, "to bring speech to the silent," will carry the Institute to the forefront in the field of speech therapy.

1954 KAΘ receives the first national

Brotherhood of Children Award, in recognition of its support

to the Foster Parent Plan.

1960 The Theta Court, a residential grouping of three buildings at the Institute of Logopedics, is completed. The Fraternity contributes \$120,000 to pay for the construction, which will house 36 patients plus parents or caregivers. The Fraternity also establishes a maintenance fund for the residences.

1961 The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation is incorporated. (More information about the Foundation is available at www.kappaalphatheta.org) The Foundation.)

1964 Total Theta funding for The Foster Parent Plan reaches more than \$111,000, and well over 600 children were helped by college and alumnae chapters.

1969 A five-year project to raise

ated from a high school in Michigan, she thought she was going back home for college at Alabama. It was quite a shock when she was referred to as "that girl from Michigan." As a freshman, far away from her family, Morris wanted to build a family of her own at school, and she felt very fortunate to find in Theta a group of women to make her feel more at home.



Holly Morris

During her college career, Morris would take full advantage of Theta and all it has to offer. As a freshman, she received a grant from the Foundation to attend LeaderShape, and she would later serve Delta Omicron in several offices, including vice-president finance and chapter president. She committed herself to improving her chapter through the educational and leadership opportunities that the Foundation had to offer.

Morris was surprised to be nominated by her chapter during her junior year to apply for the Founder's Memorial Scholarship. Humbled, she submitted her application, never expecting that she would win. In fact she received the news over the summer on the same day that she and her sister were having a garage sale in an effort to raise money for graduate school. The timing was perfect.

Morris won the Bettie Tipton Lindsey Scholarship. Bettie, too, was a Southern woman who valued travel and had done quite a bit. This was especially touching after the slightly alienating experience of coming back to Alabama after moving around. Morris and the three other 2002 Founders Scholarship recipients were honored at Grand Convention by Florence Ashby, Beta Nu/Florida

State, who was Theta's first traveling consultant. Morris remembers the experience fondly and points to that as the reason she went on to become an ELC.

Currently, Morris is pursuing a masters degree in higher education administration and works on the Greek life staff in the office of the dean of students at Alabama. She enjoys working to diversify the Greek system and advising her own Delta Omicron Chapter. She continues to feel grateful for her Theta scholarship, along with the additional leadership training and educational opportunities that she has been given by Theta and its Foundation.

The stories of these individuals tug at our heart strings. They tangibly demonstrate the guiding principles of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation: empowerment and education. These stories also demonstrate the idea the Theta is always there for us, no matter what we have made, intend to make, or will make of our Fraternity membership.

Holly Morris said it best: There are so many wonderful causes to give to, but by giving to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, you are allowing one of your sisters to further her education, leadership skills, or future. ♦

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Grand Councils first visit to the Institute of Logopedics, 1950.

\$100,000 to establish the Founders Memorial Scholarship program is successfully completed. Founders Memorial Scholarships will be awarded to four outstanding junior undergraduates each year.

1976 The Founders Memorial Garden – a part of DePauw's new Performing Arts Center – is dedicated. The Foundation had presented the initial funding to the university during Theta's Centennial Celebration in 1970.

1977 Seattle Superior Court Judge David Soukup recruits community volunteers and trains them to speak for abused and neglected children in his court, thus establishing the first court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program.

1989 KAΘ selects CASA as its national philanthropy, in response to members'

eagerness to support a philanthropy visible in local communities. Over the next two years, the Foundation will provide \$136,000 to the National CASA Association.

2000 The Foundation celebrates its 40th year. The Foundation Board of Trustees adopts a new mission statement: The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation strengthens and empowers members through philanthropy and education.

2002 A record total, \$521,235 in Foundation scholarship awards for undergraduates and alumnae, is announced May 30. ♦



The Foundation's original logo.

By Mary Edith Estes Arnold, A M/Missouri, Fraternity Archivist

Q How did the two of you meet?

A Bock: We met when we both moved to Spokane—at a Theta meeting. And we've have been in the same bridge club for 35 years along with a hiking/backpacking group.

Q According to an article in the *Spokesman-Review*, you've done quite a bit of traveling together. What was your favorite trip?

A Both: Besides this trip, Australia and New Zealand.

Q Tell us something we probably don't know about traveling in an RV.

A Bock: It is very easy to drive, and it's surprising how comfortable 32 feet can be.

Davis: One meets the most interesting and nice people from all walks of life—always eager to give a hand.

Q Where—other than Spokane—would you like to live?

A Davis: Spokane is pretty ideal – great family town with mountains, woods, lakes, streams and lots of outdoor activities to do. It is a city large enough to get the Broadway series and have a great symphony, with sports activity from colleges here. The only downfall is winter—but I have the ability to get away from that now.

Bock: I love Spokane, but I also loved Portland, Ore., when we lived there and could very easily move back.

Q What location would you rather not visit, let alone live in?

A Davis: Lubbock, Texas, which is where I'm from! We were in Lubbock for one night on this trip and we had a hail- and rainstorm like only Lubbock can produce. I agree with singer Mac Davis—Lubbock in my rearview mirror!

Q What is your favorite sound?

A Davis: A running stream in a gorgeous mountain setting.

Bock: Waterfalls.

Q What fictional character do you most identify with?

A Bock: Sue Henry's Maxie McNabb who is an independent widow traveling the open road alone in her motor home, enjoying the people she meets along the way and having numerous adventures.

Davis: Mary Poppins. She always tries to

get the best from her life and the people around her. And she is a creator of change, and I love to do that.

Q What do you most value in your friends?

A Bock: Loyalty, honesty, humor.
Davis: Loyalty, fun, smiles, tears, special times together, and always being available if needed.

Q What is your favorite Theta memory?

A Davis: My pledging and initiation at Oklahoma State University, and the pledging and initiation of my two daughters at Washington State University.

Bock: The fun I had with my new member class and still have when we get together. And being at my daughter's initiation into Alpha Sigma chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Q You've both been Theta volunteers; what is the value of volunteering for Theta?

A Bock: The lasting friendships made through working together on philanthropic projects. We've both seen the wonderful acts of kindness from being with a group like Theta ... the many good things done in the community. We've been happy to be a part of all that.

Davis: When an organization opens wonderful doors to me and gives me lifetime friendships from my pledging until now, I need to give back to make sure that younger members understand the value of cross-generational friendships and love. The main reason our great Fraternity continues to thrive is because of those who have gone before us. Hopefully young members will follow in my volunteer footsteps. ♦

In Their Own Words

Q&A With Two Thetas of Note

Debbie Bock, AT/Ohio State, and Lynn Davis, BZ/Oklahoma State, have been friends for more than 35 years. Over that time, they've traveled extensively together, to Australia, Belize, Panama. In 2004, Davis, a newly retired commercial property manager, and Bock, a retired high school instructional assistant, undertook the trip they'd been talking about for 10 years: circumnavigating the "lower 48." Instead of traveling by car, they chose an RV as their mode of transportation, a 32-foot Itasca Sunrise motor home.



Travelers Lynn Davis, BZ/Oklahoma State, and Debbie Bock, AT/Ohio State, in their motor home.

ALUMNAE ALBUM

ALUMNAE CHAPTERS HIGHLIGHT THEIR SUCCESSFUL MEMBERS, PROGRAMS, AND FUND-RAISERS



Carolyn Blind Manhart, AX/Purdue, and Tina Marakas Battle, BTI/Michigan State, enjoyed Chef John Bendzinski's cooking demonstration for the Birmingham Alumnae Chapter.

BIRMINGHAM (MICH.) ALUMNAE CHAPTER

— Lou Wetstein Simpson, BT/Denison

On a fall evening, members of the Birmingham Alumnae Chapter gathered for an entertaining cooking demonstration. Professional Chef John Bendzinski prepared bow-tie pasta and Gulf shrimp with a green salad and garlic bread while sharing useful preparation hints. Hostesses for the evening provided appetizers and dessert. The resulting feast was consumed with

pleasure by all present.

The chapter holds both evening and afternoon meetings, providing the opportunity for all members to participate. Other programs have included home decorating, book reviews, new cosmetic trends, jewelry-making, and an afternoon tea with our Theta neighbors in the Grosse Pointe Alumnae Chapter. An annual November auction is our major philanthropic event. Our Founders Day program featured Thetas from several decades reminiscing about their college days. The forties to the present were represented. What a difference and what fun!

BLOOMINGTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER

— Marge Roach Clayton, B/Indiana

The Bloomington Alumnae Chapter has successfully sponsored the annual Theta Antique Show since 1961. The members who originated this philanthropic project that benefits our local community and strengthens Theta—both locally and nationally—were indeed prescient.

The early shows were held in the National Guard Armory for three days and evenings. The Country Kitchen, serving soup, sandwiches, fruit, and desserts, was added the second year. It continues to this day, a social tradition for attendees to see and be seen.

Several years ago, the show moved to the Bloomington Convention Center, the largest facility in town, and attendance and profits have grown. 2005 was the most lucrative year; we netted \$18,000 for our philanthropic projects: Kappa Alpha Theta, Beta Chapter, and local charities in the community. Beyond the monetary benefits are recognition for Kappa Alpha Theta in our community and a closer tie to the Beta Chapter at IU.

Our alumnae have a solid purpose, which has fostered friendships that we all value. We are proud of what we have done for 44 years.

FARGO ALUMNAE CHAPTER

— Kyle Hartvickson Handegard, GN/N. Dakota State

The Fargo Alumnae Chapter supports and works closely with Gamma Nu Chapter at North Dakota State. Articles in Gamma Nu's newsletter have increased our dues-paying membership by 300 percent!

Before NDSU's homecoming parade, we held our first annual pancake feed with the funds raised designated for CASA. It was open to the public and a perfect opportunity for Thetas to reconnect.

We sang Christmas carols and shared holiday goodies as part of Gamma Nu's holiday open house. Our Christmas gift to the chapter house is replacing their dining room tables.

We sponsored our 43rd annual antique show, Theta Gated, in conjunction with an NDSU football game, and we have such interest groups as Sip & Stitch, Lunch Bunch, and Let's Do the Theater! We will be working with the facility corporation board on a major kitchen remodeling.

FOOTHILL (CALIF.) ALUMNAE CHAPTER

— Jennifer Root, ΔΨ/UC Riverside

The newly formed Foothill Alumnae Chapter instituted its signature fund-raiser, Stamping for Sisterhood, this year. We created 960 hand-stamped greeting cards for various events throughout the year. The cards were sold in sets of 12 for \$10. Fifty percent of the money raised from the sales supported CASA through the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

We held several get-togethers to create the cards. We utilized our own

Founders Day celebration, as well as other local chapter's Founders Day celebrations, to sell the cards to other Thetas. The cards were so popular that the woman who owned the tea shop in which we celebrated Founders Day asked us if she could purchase a couple of sets!

HOUSTON NORTHWEST ALUMNAE CHAPTER

— Elizabeth Dula Nickles, BZ/Oklahoma State

Kim Kabler Rootes, Alpha Mu/Missouri, never dreamed that she would someday treasure what others might consider junk. But a chance occurrence led her to discover a talent that relishes turning "found objects" into treasures.

An English/art history major, Rootes always enjoyed art. She never actively pursued it, though, until she took a class eight years ago in mixed media collage. "It was so different, as I had always liked the Impressionists and had never really done much in contemporary art," Rootes says. "But the piece I completed in my first class was selected for a prestigious show and spent a year traveling the country in exhibits."

Rootes uses a variety of items in her work: papers of all shades, textures, and prints; fabric; horse hair; glass; cardboard; paint applied with brushes; and spattered paint. Her favorite material, though, is a found object used to draw additional interest or convey meaning to a piece, perhaps a rusted washer, a bottle cap, even a piece of old furnace.

She exhibits her work at a number of international and national juried shows. Her work was featured at an exclusive show at the Jung Art Center in Houston in May 2005. "My clients are usually word-of-mouth or they see my work at a show, and one piece seems to lead to another. And the shows are always exciting and a lot of fun." Rootes is looking forward to another solo exhibit this May at the Art Council of Brazos Valley's Texas



Kim Kabler Rootes

Gallery in College Station.

Like art, Theta is a passion for Rootes as well. She and her husband, George, moved 11 times while he worked for Shell Oil; since his retirement, they plan to divide their time between Houston and a home in Nicaragua they will share with their son's family. "Theta was always there when we went somewhere new, and I could always count on a group to belong to. I love the Houston Northwest group because I meet and am friends with Thetas of all ages."

NASHVILLE ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Tara Burns, Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt, was crowned Miss Tennessee during the 53rd Annual Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in June. Through her participation in the Miss America Organization, she received more than \$20,000 in scholarships, and she had the opportunity to represent the state of Tennessee at the Miss America Pageant in January.

As Miss Tennessee 2005, Burns served as the official spokesperson for the Governor's Alliance for a Safe and Drug Free Tennessee. She also worked to further the development of her platform, HIV: Awareness for Life, and to bring widespread public awareness for HIV and AIDS to the state of Tennessee.

Burns has completed three years of study at Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music, where she is majoring in voice performance. In the future, she plans to resume her studies at Vanderbilt University and graduate with highest honors in 2007. She then hopes to pursue a career in the entertainment industry, working in film, TV, and music.

OMAHA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

— Kara Ryckman, K/Kansas

Besides outstanding leadership and our growing number of young,



Tara Burns

involved alumnae, what makes the Omaha Alumnae Chapter special is our increasing involvement with our local and surrounding CASA programs. We have a long history of supporting CASA programs. Although Omaha Thetas have generously donated time and money every year, the needs of the program continue to increase. The Douglas County CASA program (located in Omaha, Neb.) currently serves 142 children with 68 CASA volunteers. Only 11 percent of the total number of children in foster care in Douglas County are reached through the CASA program at this time, so these programs desperately need our help and continued support.

For many years, the Omaha Alumnae Chapter supported the Douglas County program through monetary donations and springtime gift bags assembled during an annual service project held in April. The goal of the service project is to provide children of all ages with gifts of candy, books, toys, and toiletries. Many of the children look forward to these simple gifts every year, as the Douglas County chapter has also come to depend on the support of their local Thetas. Because of the growing need in our community, the Omaha Alumnae wanted to expand our reach this year to include children from the nearby Sarpy County program (located in Papillion, Neb.), a program currently working with 46 volunteers and 161 families and about to celebrate its 20th year.

Besides committing resources and our annual service project to CASA, we also include CASA directors and volunteers in several of our meetings each year, asking them to share with our members how CASA helps children in our community, as well as to explain the growing need for CASA support in the metro area. At our most recent silent auction in December, representatives from both Douglas County and Sarpy County CASA programs were presented with a check for \$200 each that would be used to buy toys for upcoming CASA holiday parties and events.

PASADENA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

— Judy Graven, BΞ/UCLA

The Pasadena special interest gar-

dening group, the Pansy Bloomers, has made the grounds at the newly rented Eta Mu facility at Occidental College their special project. While the collegians were hooking up their computers and arranging furniture in September, the Pansy Bloomers took stock of the garden. The dead leaf thatch was ankle high, the growth in front of the living room window made the living room feel like a cage, the spider webs hanging from branches over the front walk gave a haunted house effect, and the flower beds were sadly neglected. The answer was a work party of alumnae and collegians to improve the appearance of the house before recruitment started. A team of eight pruned, raked, weeded, and added fresh plants, even lining the flower beds with pansies. Alumnae and collegians enjoyed getting to know one another as they worked together.

The Pansy Bloomers followed up with more pruning, weeding and colorful planting before the Eta Mu Open House in late November, to which all alumnae donors were invited. Yes, sometimes appearances **are** everything! In January, rose pruning time in southern California, the Pansy Bloomers picked a sunny morning to prune bushes along the front walkway that were seven feet high. Both alumnae and collegians are sharing pride in a house that says Theta love.



Organizing committee for the **Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter's** Golf Tournament.

PHILADELPHIA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

— Barbara Albright, A/DePauw,
Heather McAlpine McKenna, ΓΞ/San Jose State,
and Katie Beyer, EΛ/Dickinson

Many years ago, Jean Buck, Beta Phi/Penn State, had a dream. Working in conjunction with Carol Burns, Alpha Mu/Missouri, and Sally Stewart, Beta Xi/UCLA, Buck made her dream of a golf tournament to benefit scholarships and Meals on Wheels into a reality. We are the oldest all-women's golf benefit in the area, drawing from more than 20 private and public clubs. 2006 will be the 21st Golf Tournament for the benefit of Theta scholarships, CASA, and Meals on Wheels.

Over the years we have raised more than \$175,000, supporting people of all ages and needs. There are many golf benefits in the Philadelphia area, but ours has remained one of the most popular because we have kept a reasonable entry fee and have become known for having a prize for almost everyone. Our tournament has earned the reputation of being "golfer friendly" with great prizes and raffle items always a big hit. The major source of income is from our various levels of sponsorship, while our prizes and raffle items are solicited by Thetas "pounding the pavement." In our 20 years, we have had just one rainout. That is called having Kappa Alpha Theta luck! We are looking forward to many more benefits.

PHOENIX ALUMNAE CHAPTER

The Phoenix Alumnae Chapter is composed of approximately 175 women who uphold the commitments of Kappa Alpha Theta through our philanthropic efforts. We kicked off this year with Pack With Pride, an annual event that raises awareness of CASA and collects school supplies for kids. More than 200 children who benefit from the services of CASA went back to school this year with new backpacks and school supplies donated.



A special interest group of the **Pasadena Alumnae Chapter**, the Pansy Bloomers, worked with members of the **Eta Mu Chapter** at Occidental to "spruce up" the landscaping of the facility.

ed by the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter.

In November, we hosted our annual picnic for the Phoenix CASA organization. Alumnae and collegians from the Delta Epsilon Chapter at Arizona State interacted with the CASA children and shared a day of food, fun, and games. This year's picnic was one of the best ever, with more than 120 people in attendance. We celebrated the holidays a little early with our annual stocking stuffing event. In early December, we again teamed with Delta Epsilon Chapter collegians to stuff more than 70 stockings which were then delivered to CASA children to brighten their holiday season.

The women of the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter thrive not only on our philanthropic efforts but also on sisterhood experiences and educational activities. Our focus is to provide guidance and leadership to the Delta Epsilon Chapter as well as money and resources to CASA, while upholding standards of social, intellectual and moral growth. The Phoenix Alumnae Chapter is a group of diverse women who enjoy sharing their time with one another, creating memories with the collegians and CASA children, and upholding their life-long commitment to sisterhood.

SAN DIEGO ALUMNAE CHAPTER

— Christiane Hoffman, ZΩ/Loyola Marymount

The San Diego Alumnae Chapter is proud of the widespread appeal we achieve with our events. The diverse background of our board ensures that we meet the needs of our nearly 200 members and support the three college chapters in San Diego, as well as CASA and the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. Our board offers activities



Members of the Rancho Bernardo Alumnae Chapter join members of the San Diego Alumnae Chapters for a successful autumn brunch.

that attract young alumnae and more "mature" Thetas too. To reach everyone we utilize our website, www.sandiego-thetas.com; e-mail; snail-mail; "evites"; and our twice-yearly newsletter.

At our Founders Day brunch, a robust Friendship Fund donation was collected. We were also delighted to honor several 50-year and two 75-year Thetas and to recognize the achievements of the Gamma Sigma/San Diego State, Zeta Rho/UC San Diego, and Eta Iota/San Diego Chapters.

Due to popular demand, we created a Theta book club, which draws alumnae of all ages and is quite a hit. We had a special visitor at a recent meeting. Drusilla Campbell, Gamma Xi San Jose State, author of the book we discussed, *Blood Orange*, joined our meeting and spoke candidly about her writing.

We also had several philanthropic activities. Our calendar included beautification of Ivey Ranch (an equestrian camp for disabled and able-bodied kids), Habitat for Humanity home building, Race for the Cure, and a booth at the CASA Christmas Carnival. When we give back in the community, we personally benefit as much as the groups we support.

In October, the Rancho Bernardo Alumnae Chapter joined us for a successful autumn brunch. In attendance were Theta alumnae from the past 50+ years out of colleges across the

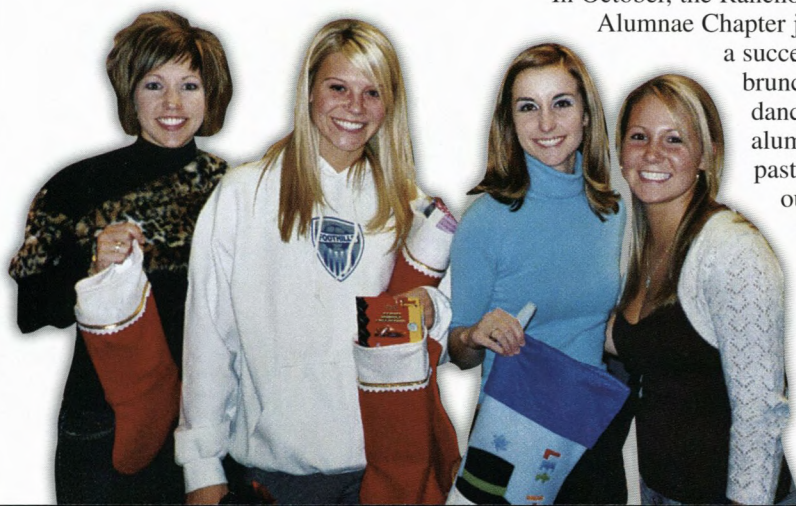
United States. Everyone brought a dish and we basked in the lovely San Diego autumn weather.

SARASOTA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

— Cindy Pappas, BΩ/Colorado College

The Sarasota Alumnae Chapter has started two new activities that are simple to facilitate and yet very effective. Most chapters when conducting a meeting will ask each member to stand up and state the Greek letters and name of her Theta college chapter. Our alumnae chapter has added to this procedure by having each Theta sister answer a question with one word or sentence. Examples that we have used include stating the place of birth and home town in which they lived just before entering the university and stating two favorite movies and the reason why (in conjunction with a guest speaker from the Sarasota Film Festival). On two occasions the questions we asked were our only program. The first time we asked members to state their favorite book or reading material and what they like about the writings. During the Christmas season, we asked each member to tell about the most memorable Christmas they had experienced. This was a springboard to sisterhood that drew us all together in a "warm and fuzzy" way. Many participants said this was one of our best meetings ever.

The second activity has just been started. The president of our chapter, Patti Kelly, has designed a simple recognition program aptly named "Pat" on the Back. Recognition certifi-



Members of the Delta Epsilon Chapter at Arizona State help members of the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter stuff Christmas stockings for CASA children.



Officers of the **Sarasota Alumnae Chapter**—Donna Stover, BB/Randolph-Macon, vice-president; Patti Kelly, Γ^{Δ} /Ohio Wesleyan, president; Doe Greenough, AX/Purdue, treasurer; and Cindy Pappas, B Ω /Colorado College, secretary—pose for a portrait.

cates will be handed out each meeting at the discretion of the president, as well as a paper “thank you” badge.

These two new activities seem to be well received. Everyone likes to contribute and be recognized. These activities are excellent conduits toward the chapter goal of having meetings that inform and educate; provide fun and laughter; and help us all to know each other better so we can become true Theta sisters.

SAN LUIS OBISPO/ CENTRAL COAST

— Mary Serfozo, A Σ /Washington State

The San Luis Obispo Central Coast Alumnae Chapter first heard about this idea from member Suzanne Harrison, who learned about it at Theta’s 2004 national convention. A fund-raising idea reported by the Denver Alumnae Chapter, it was an auction of created items called Make It, Bake It, Grow It, Sew It, and it sounded like fun. Trying it out in 2004 with a small group on a weekday afternoon, we were amazed at the quality and variety of items submitted. Spirited bidding on everything from paintings to plants to fancy cookies brought in \$350 for CASA.

In 2005, we scheduled it again, this time late on a Saturday afternoon, and

broadened the invitation to include partners and friends. With an expanded list of items for both silent and live auctions, major donations were also solicited from local wineries, restaurants, and other businesses. The event was held in a large private home, with the auction following a social hour of wine and hors d’oeuvres.

Everybody agreed it was a great party.

And when it was all over, the chapter had an unbelievable \$2,700 to be shared with CASA and our local charity, Hospice Partners of the Central Coast!

ST LOUIS ALUMNAE CHAPTER

— Pam Puerner Campbell, BT/Denison

St. Louis Theta alumnae have experienced a hallmark year celebrating two favorite, newer events while also reaching a special fund-raising milestone. Along with these successes came an exciting surprise award.

Our May silent auction and cocktail party raised more than \$3,100 for the Kappa Alpha Foundation. In August, our third annual Movies in the Moonlight evening generated revenues of \$32,000. This enabled us to present substantial gifts to three local CASA organizations as well as the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. The free outdoor screening of *Some Like It Hot* enjoyed the generous support of attendees, patrons, and corporate sponsors. Theta participation also reached a new high.

Because of these proceeds, along with those from our annual pansy sale, the St. Louis Theta Alumnae Chapter arrived at a marvelous landmark in 2005. The chapter’s charitable “arm,” St. Louis Theta Not-for-Profit Corporation, established in 1973, has now given a total of well over \$500,000 in donations to numerous charities.

Adding to the joy, at Grand Convention 2004, our chapter was honored to be recognized as the best overall Theta alumnae chapter with more than 200 dues-paying members.

The third annual Movies in the Moonlight evening generated revenues of \$32,000, which was donated by the **St. Louis Alumnae Chapter** to three CASA chapters and the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.





Officers and members of the **Palm Beach Alumnae Chapters** enjoyed the holiday performance of *Oklahoma!* in December.



The **Cleveland East Alumnae Chapter** celebrated Christmas with a senior harpist from the Cleveland Institute of Music.



Members of the **Williamsburg Alumnae Chapter** gathered at the home of Susie and Don Beck for the annual Yuletide brunch. Donations of food and toys were brought for two families supported by the local Colonial CASA.

With fun, fellowship, and philanthropy in abundance, this year wasn't just special; it was thrilling!

TUCSON ALUMNAE CHAPTER

— Carolyn Weesner Matthiasson, ΓΑ/Beloit

By 2004, the membership of the Tucson Alumnae Chapter had shrunk to an all-time low of 86 members out of a possible 525 Thetas living in our county, which is geographically larger than Rhode Island. While Thetas are spread out widely here, most live in or near Tucson.

Over the spring of 2005, the executive board discussed ways of increasing membership. Finally we decided to do a telephone recruitment program. Coincidentally, it was time to produce a new chapter alumnae directory. The past several directories had not been as accurate as they should have been, so we combined the two activities: calling to verify addresses and telephone numbers, with an invitation to become a member of the Tucson Alumnae Chapter and receive a directory.

Fifteen alumnae volunteered to call 23 members each. They started in late August and concluded their calling by the end of September. It was not easy, but with perseverance the volunteers were able to contact almost all Tucson-area alumnae. Not surprisingly, when Thetas were asked if they would like to join the chapter and receive a directory, our membership numbers began to rise and rise and rise. Our initial goal was to have 105 members. We passed that in early September. Gradually we passed 110. The final total was 124. Thus, with a bit of outreach, we were able to increase our membership by almost 40 percent.

WICHITA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Mums the Word, a sale of beautiful mums and mum baskets, has proven to be an easy fund-raiser for Wichita alumnae. Orders are taken during the spring, with members picking up their mums at our annual September salad supper. Over the last two years, we have distributed \$2,600 to Theta college chapters in Kansas, to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, and to our local CASA program. ♦



Congratulations to Kappa Alpha Theta's newest alumnae chapters, which were chartered in 2005.

- Corpus Christie Alumnae Chapter
- Gainesville Alumnae Chapter
- Richmond Alumnae Chapter

Congratulations also go to the following alumnae and college chapters, which are celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2006.

125 Years

I/Cornell

K/Kansas

ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan

75 Years

BΦ/Penn State

BX/Alberta

50 Years

Chicago Northwest Suburban
Alumnae Chapter

Fresno Alumnae Chapter

Rockford Alumnae Chapter

15 Years

ZM/MIT

Many Happy
Returns!

THETA FOR A LIFETIME

IS IT JUST SOMETHING WE SAY? OR IS IT SOMETHING WE LIVE?

By Debbie Allen, ΔΘ/Florida, Fraternity Vice-President Alumnae

From the time we accept our bid to join Kappa Alpha Theta, we hear the words "Theta for a Lifetime."

I guess that is why I am always surprised when I visit with alumnae who tell me that they *were* a member of XY chapter at the University of Anywhere, not that they *are* a member of that chapter. When I attend Founders Day celebrations across North America, I meet members who reveal that this is the first Theta function they have attended in 20 or 30 years. I am thrilled they are there and encourage them to attend every year.

Then there are those alumnae who say they see no reason to join their local alumnae chapters or to pay alumnae per capita dues as a member-at-large because they don't have time to attend meetings, and they really don't see the benefits of participating.

What would you think if someone offered to sell you shares in Kappa

Alpha Theta? In fact, you are already a share-holder—an owner—of Kappa Alpha Theta. You became one on the day of your initiation! With that ownership comes responsibility. You can't just walk away from a commitment for 20 to 30 years and expect it to thrive. You should at least check in from time to time (for instance, on Founders Day) to see how it is doing and find out if there is anything you can do to help. If you can't help by offering your time, you can help by offering your financial support and enabling those who are volunteering their time.

We, as the owners of this Fraternity, are responsible for ensuring that it grows and remains strong. To do that, each member needs to invest time and/or money. While none of us will collect a dividend check, we will each receive a return on our investment.

What we will gain is the satisfaction and pride that come from knowing we

are helping Theta thrive and live on for years to come. We will gain new friends, some of them life-long, and new opportunities. We will learn new skills, encounter new ideas, and enjoy new experiences. And as our commitment grows, so, too, will the rewards we receive.

Kappa Alpha Theta needs all of us to support her! By joining an alumnae chapter, you will help keep our Fraternity strong and viable. If you are not a member of an alumnae chapter, you can still support Theta through the payment of alumnae per capita dues. By paying \$15 annually, you can help the Fraternity's ongoing efforts to provide the finest and most rewarding membership experience. After all, isn't that what four brave women intended when they founded this Fraternity 136 years ago?

Theta Can Count on Me!

NAME FIRST MAIDEN LAST

ADDRESS

CITY STATE/PROVINCE POSTAL CODE

E-MAIL

CHAPTER OF INITIATION YEAR OF INITIATION

- ☐ Enclosed is my check for \$15, payable to Kappa Alpha Theta, for alumnae dues.
(Dues are not deductible for federal tax purposes.)
- ☐ I would like to be contacted by the nearest alumnae chapter.
- ☐ I would like to learn more about volunteering with a college chapter.

Please mail form and payment to

Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, attn: accounts receivable.
Per capita dues are payable each year on January 1.

• Payment via credit card may be made on the Fraternity's website •
www.kappaalphatheta.org



Member Recruitment Guide

Member Recruitment Directory

According to Kappa Alpha Theta law, before a prospective member may be pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta, the chapter shall have received a letter of reference for her. It is the privilege of Theta alumnae in good standing and initiated undergraduates in good standing attending universities other than the prospective new members' to write letters of reference. A letter of reference form may be found on the facing page, as well as on the Kappa Alpha Theta website. To access the form online, go to www.kappaalphatheta.org, log into Thetas Online, click on The Form Zone, and choose Reference Forms.

All letters of reference, whether torn from *The Magazine* or printed from the website, should be sent to the recruitment reference board chairman (RRBC) or authorized recruitment representative (ARR) in the potential new member's hometown. The Recruitment Roster—a listing of contact information for RRBCs and ARRs—is posted on the Kappa Alpha Theta website. The directory is

updated at the beginning of each month. To access it, go to www.kappaalphatheta.org, log into Thetas Online, click on The Form Zone, and choose Reference Forms. Then click the PDF icon next to Recruitment Roster. The RRBCs

and ARRs are listed by state or Canadian province and then by city.

If there is no RRBC or ARR in a potential member's hometown, references should be sent directly to the chapter at the school she is attending. Addresses of college chapters may be found in the Theta Directory area of www.kappaalphatheta.org.

Contact information for RRBCs,

ARRs, and college chapters may also be obtained by calling 800-526-1870.

The Legacy Introduction Form that appears below may be submitted directly to the chapter at the school that the legacy is attending. This form is also available on the website, in the same area as the Letter of Reference.

Addresses of college chapters may be found in the Theta Directory area of www.kappaalphatheta.org.

The KAΘ Member
Recruitment Directory
is available at
www.kappaalphatheta.org

KAΘ Legacy Introduction

Do you have a sister, daughter, granddaughter, or great-granddaughter who will attend a college or university with a KAΘ chapter? Complete this legacy introduction form and send it to the Theta chapter on the campus your legacy plans to attend.

This introduction does not take the place of a reference. Please make sure a *Letter of Reference* form is completed on behalf of your legacy.

To _____ Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at _____
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

I wish to introduce my ☐ sister ☐ daughter ☐ granddaughter ☐ great-granddaughter, _____
NAME

She will be enrolling on your campus as a ☐ freshman ☐ sophomore ☐ junior ☐ senior beginning _____
DATE

Parents _____
NAMES

STREET CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP CODE

Her school address will be _____

Signed _____
FIRST MAIDEN LAST

Address _____ Phone (____) _____
STREET CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP CODE

E-mail _____ Chapter/School: _____ Year initiated: _____

Kappa Alpha Theta Letter of Reference

(To be used only by members of KΑΘ)

What to send

Complete information about the potential new member's qualifications is essential and a picture of her is highly desirable.

Where to send

Send references to the potential new member's hometown recruitment reference board chairman (RRBC). If there is no reference board for the potential member's hometown, send references to the authorized recruitment representative (ARR). If there is no ARR, send references to the reference chairman for the college chapter the potential member is attending. Do not send letters of reference to Fraternity headquarters.

Who can send

Any alumna member in good standing may submit letters of reference.

Current undergraduate members in good standing may submit letters of reference for potential new members attending universities other than their own.

Remember Theta and NPC Guidelines

Once recruitment has started, alumnae and collegiate members from other campuses must NOT contact members of the college chapter to inquire about progress. Such calls must be addressed to the chapter's membership adviser. Alumnae should neither expect to receive any information about the status of a specific potential new member nor expect to receive bid list information. Alumnae are also prohibited from sending food or gifts in any form to the chapter on behalf of a potential member. Breaking Panhellenic rules may cause the chapter to be penalized.

I. Potential New Member Information

Name of Potential New Member			
LAST	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME
Reference for		Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at	
UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE			
Entering as	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior
			Age
Hometown			
High School		Graduation Year	
NAME, CITY & STATE			
Class Size	Class Rank	Scholastic Average	ACT/SAT
College(s) Attended		GPA	
NAME, CITY & STATE			
Parent(s) or Guardian(s)		MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME, IF KNOWN	
FULL NAME			
Home Address		STATE	
STREET		CITY	ZIP CODE

II. Potential New Member Connections

A Theta legacy is defined as a daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, or sister of a Kappa Alpha Theta in good standing. Stepdaughters, step granddaughters, step great-granddaughters and stepsisters are considered legacies if their Theta family member in good standing considers them as such and if the Theta asks that they be considered on the legacy introduction form.

Kappa Alpha Theta Legacy Information: ☐ sister ☐ mother ☐ grandmother ☐ great-grandmother

Please indicate if this is a step relation:

Name FIRST MAIDEN LAST Chapter

Name FIRST MAIDEN LAST Chapter

Other KΑΘ Relatives Chapter

Other women's fraternity connections: Name Relation Fraternity

Name Relation Fraternity

For RRBC/ARR Only

RRBC/ARR	Signature
Address	Phone and/or e-mail
STREET	CITY STATE ZIP CODE
Comments	

For Chapter Use Only

Required written follow-up with sponsor, RRB or ARR:

Acknowledged reference by

Notification of outcome by

New member information submitted online: ☐ yes ☐ no

If pledged by KΑΘ, send this reference to Fraternity Headquarters within 14 days;

if pledged to another NPC group on your campus, please destroy this reference. If not pledged to any NPC group, retain this reference for two years.

III. Qualifications and Attributes



Please write your personal evaluation of the candidate you sponsor. Provide information and relate her qualifications to Kappa Alpha Theta's 4-Points of the Kite.

Please check and add comments and examples at right. (May attach sheet if space provided is not adequate)

Scholarship

- ☐ Honor Student
- ☐ Enrichment Programs
- ☐ National Honor Society
- ☐ Likely to Finish College

Personality

- ☐ Good Moral Character
- ☐ Loyal Member
- ☐ Dependable

Presentation

- ☐ Socially Congenial
- ☐ Compatible in a Group
- ☐ Reserved/Quiet
- ☐ Poised

Leadership

- ☐ Widest Influence for Good
- ☐ Extracurricular Activities
- ☐ Volunteer Activities
- ☐ Leadership Abilities
- ☐ Commitment

IV. Suggested topics of conversation during recruitment

V. Endorsement

Please check applicable statements

- ☐ The family and/or this woman is able to assume financial obligations of fraternity membership.
- ☐ To my knowledge, this woman is not, nor ever has been, an initiated member of an NPC group.
- ☐ I hereby recommend this woman for membership in Kappa Alpha Theta based upon:
 - ☐ My personal acquaintance with her. I have known her for _____ years.
 - ☐ My acquaintance with this woman is through her family. I have known them for _____ years.
 - ☐ I do not know the potential new member; information was secured from a reliable source (mutual friend, teacher, clergy, Panhellenic files, etc.). That source is _____

Name _____ Initiated _____ CHAPTER/DATE

Address _____

E-Mail _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Reconnect With Theta

"Theta for a lifetime" isn't just a catch phrase. We are always Thetas, and the bond that we share with other Thetas is strong. After college, we often lose touch with our Fraternity, but joining an alumnae chapter (or even helping to start a new one!) is a great way to reconnect.

Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae chapters comprise women of all ages and from chapters all over the continent. And alumnae chapters offer a wide variety of interesting activities! To find out if there's an alumnae chapter near you, go to www.kappaalphatheta.org, choose the Theta Directory button, and click on College and Alumnae Chapters. There are several alumnae chapter search options.

Thetas in the following areas have expressed interest in forming alumnae chapters. If you would like more information, please contact Kyle Handegard, alumnae district officer extension (kyleccci@aol.com; 701-282-8652).



Alabama
Mobile

Alaska
Anchorage

Arizona
West Phoenix

California
Bakersfield

Colorado
Frisco

Florida
Melbourne
Panama City
Port St. Joe

Georgia
Columbus

Indiana
Muncie

Kentucky
Bowling Green

Montana
Missoula

North Carolina
Franklin
Triad alums

New York
Orange County
Westchester County

South Carolina
Charleston
Hilton Head

South Dakota
Pierre

Texas
Austin

Virginia
Roanoke



CALLING ALL NOMINATIONS!

Do you know an exceptional Theta who would make a great Foundation Trustee? Nominations are currently being accepted by the the Foundation's nominating committee. Selections will be made before the 2006 Grand Convention in San Antonio this June.

Log on to www.kappaalphatheta.org and read **Theta Times** on the home page to find out how you can nominate a sister today.

Every issue of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*,
from 1885 forward.

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The correspondence between Bettie Locke
and J. Fred Newman, New York City jeweler,
regarding the design of the first Theta badge.

• • •

Members' scrapbooks chronicling campus life in the
gay nineties, the flapper era,
and the war years of both the teens and the '40s.

Theta's Treasure Trove



These items, and many more—including badges, Theta jewelry, memorabilia, thousands of photos, and records of 66 Grand Conventions—are housed in the Kappa Alpha Theta archives. Established by a Convention vote in 1899, the national archives were first housed at the Tau Chapter at Northwestern before being moved to the Phi Chapter, which was then at Stanford, in 1903. Two decades later, they were relocated to Greencastle, Ind., where they remained with the Alpha Chapter at DePauw until 1966, when they were relocated once again, this time to the Fraternity's central office in Evanston, Ill.

In 1983, when all records were moved to the new Theta headquarters in Indianapolis, the archives collection took its place in two dedicated rooms. The expanded space allowed the archivist to proactively develop the collection, and displays throughout the headquarters building now offer insight into the past and enable visitors to better imagine the unfolding history of the Fraternity experience.

Thanks to the dedication and foresight of the Fraternity's early members and to the 13 women who have served as archivists over the decades, our collection is truly remarkable. In fact, Theta's archives have a reputation throughout the Greek and university worlds for being both comprehensive and well-organized.

In a 1980s review of the archives, a National Endowment for the Humanities consultant wrote, "The archives constitute a rich resource for the study of the development of the Fraternity, as well as the history of women, education, and women's organizations. Kappa Alpha Theta is to be commended for recognizing the importance of its historical files, both for administrative purposes and scholarly research."

Diana B. Turk, assistant professor at the Steinhardt School of Education at New York University, sought permission from Fraternity officers to access the collection for her 2004 book, *Bound*

by a Mighty Vow, *Sisterhood and Women's Fraternities, 1870–1920*. By examining the history of women's fraternities in general and Kappa Alpha Theta in particular, Turk shed fresh light on the story of young women trying to make it in the man's world of the college campus. She also explored the changing cultural and social meanings of fraternity membership.

"Theta's archives are a genuine treasure trove," says Turk. "You are lucky to have such a well-documented and well-preserved trail of the past."

Fraternity Archivist Mary Edith Estes Arnold, Alpha Mu/Missouri, says, "It was a dream come true to have a serious scholar approach us, asking to conduct in-depth, unbiased research of the Fraternity's early decades. Diana brought well-honed academic skills to the task. I knew we could learn from the experience, and I sensed her findings might surprise many who had preconceived notions about our organization."

Arnold is intimately familiar with Theta's collection, having spent 25 years overseeing its development, organization, preservation, and outreach opportunities. She gives credit to "... thoughtful Thetas who continue to send items to the archives. Because of their generosity, the collection is continually growing, becoming an even more valuable resource for the study of women's history. History doesn't end; we keep making it."

Arnold continues, "It is so important that we carefully preserve the records that tell what we are about and ensure that our history be readily accessible." To assist in this valuable work, the Fraternity is currently seeking interested volunteers to serve on a heritage committee. Volunteers will assist in the ongoing activities of a sound archival program: identifying records that have enduring value, organizing and describing them for easy access, assisting those who need information, and developing outreach opportunities.

Kappa Alpha Theta's archives have been kept—for 136 years—by women, for women. They truly are a treasure trove of the past and the present, which will help us plan for the future.

Thetas interested in more information about serving on the heritage committee should contact Fraternity President Karen Albrecht Ledbetter via e-mail, FraternityPres@kappaalphatheta.org.

Fraternity Salutes 75-Year Thetas

A/DEPAUW

Barbara Gustafson Blair
Ellen Rogers Kahlo
Lois Lumpkin McKnight
Muriel Millett Mount
Dorothy Wurst Porter
Jane Payne Stacy

B/INDIANA

Laura Kenner Gordon
Betty Stout Oshea
Barbara Nell Schlafer Scott
Kathryn Rundell Sharp

Γ/BUTLER

Dorothea Smock Bowers
Ruth Heaton Lenox
Julia Henderson Negley
Marjorie Tate Vogley

Δ/ILLINOIS

Margaret Jones Byergo
Janet E Eisner
Elizabeth Provine Silet
Frances Porter Ticknor

I/CORNELL

Ellen Cook Kinley
Marian Hough Peduzzi

K/KANSAS

Barbara Harrison Allen
Marjorie Stevens Carpenter
Giles
Katherine Marion Miller
Carlotta Lamer Sinclair
Kathleen Asher Wilkinson

A/VERMONT

Betty Lane Bradish

Γ^Δ/OHIO WESLEYAN

Jean Pontius Rindge

M/ALLEGHENY

Virginia Miller Shaffer
Ruth Johannesmeyer Siple

O/USC

Ethel Redfield Blakely
Mary Hargrave Carey

P/NEBRASKA

Mary Proudft Crabill
Helen Hart Kennedy
Julia Koester King
Marian Fleetwood Wright

Σ/TORONTO

Barbara Crowe Coleman

T/NORTHWESTERN

Betty Keck Becker
Marjorie Cooper Carrico
Jane Wenban Hastings
Betty Heth Koch
Margaret Collins Mills
Mary Strock Whinery
Nancy Kaapp Yost

Y/MINNESOTA

Elsa Hoidale Johnson
Villette Powers Knowles
Harriet Ayre Konen
Anne Tormoen Kosak

X/SYRACUSE

Marie Huebner Palmer

Ψ/WISCONSIN

CeCe Neckerman Stege

Ω/UCBERKELEY

Marion English Hopper
Kathleen G. Kaetzel

ΑΓ/OHIO STATE

Margaret Fargo Johannsen
Janet McConagha Jones
Julia Taylor Kelly
Mary Williams Livingston

ΑΔ/GOUCHER

Virginia Gazlay Chapman
Mary Bennett White

ΑΗ/VANDERBILT

Marian King Bryson
Amelia Weaver Cochran
Eleanor Ewing
Anne Akers Konrad
Barbara Alexander Roach
Adele Youngberg Smith

ΑΘ/TEXAS

Louise Spalding Burdine
Kathryn G. Griffith
Louise Latimer Willoughby

ΑΙ/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS

Emily Field Meade Berkebile
Virginia Waggoner Bryan
Constance Walther Crossen
Adele Dwyer Fordyce
Elizabeth Conrad Robinson

ΑΚ/ADELPHI

Margaret Hopkins Mahoney

ΑΛ/WASHINGTON

Harriett Field Beaulieu
Jean Thomas Houston
Otis Brown Hyde
Claire Kelley Jacoby
Barbara Dole Lawrence
Mary Curran Murphy
Margaret Stewart Upp

ΑΜ/MISSOURI

Helen Leisner Anderson
Mary Thompson Hobbs

ΑΝ/MONTANA

Mary V. Ballard
Lucile Ralston Johnson
Florence Steinbrenner Jones

ΑΞ/OREGON

Margaret Heltzel Hamby
Kathryn King Foster
Virginia Sturgis Kilkeny
Mrs. Ralph T. McElvenny
Cynthia Hall Rose

ΑΟ/OKLAHOMA

Julia Freeland Barnum
Genevieve Taft Pelikan
Jeanne Johnson Milnor

ΑΠ/NORTH DAKOTA

Jessie Campbell Arneson
Mary Margaret French Frank
Olivia Agneberg Haynes

ΑΡ/SOUTH DAKOTA

Marion Caldwell Graham
Josephine Dennis Gray
Merriman Beuttler Kaune
Eleanor Utley Ream
Lorene Rasmussen Stavig

ΑΣ/WASHINGTON STATE

Georgella Hefty
Beth Barnes Hennings
Evelyn Steele Ward

ΑΤ/CINCINNATI

Mary Herring Stevenson

ΑΥ/WASHBURN

Naomi Ramsey Condon
Mary Jones Rymarz

ΑΧ/PURDUE

Mary Lyde Duff
Miriam Moore Foley
Elizabeth Meisinger Kattmann
Dorinne St. Clair VanSciever

ΑΨ/LAWRENCE

Kathleen Stewart Green
Jean Shannon Reeve
Helen Senn Walton

ΒΓ/COLORADO STATE

Lucile Pratt Flatt
Margaret Stilson King
Joan Isham Schram

ΒΔ/ARIZONA

Josebel Hazelett Mason
Sheila Moore Nields
Jeannette Judson Yount

ΒΕ/OREGON STATE

Marjorie Murchie Alexander

ΒΖ/OKLAHOMA STATE

Frances Levers Dale
Betsy Hammond Fisher
Martha Russell Steffen

ΒΗ/PENNSYLVANIA

Ruth Openshaw Cowell
Elizabeth Macky Wentz

ΒΘ/IDAHO

Edna Scott Sandmeyer

ΒΙ/COLORADO

Sylvia Springsteen Samson
Mary Wood

ΒΚ/DRAKE

Jane Alexander
Maurine Housh Blanck

ΒΛ/WILLIAM & MARY

Anne Spratley Dice
Winfred Cory Jobbins

ΒΜ/NEVADA

Virginia Wheeler Curran
Madelin O'Connell Lutz

ΒΝ/FLORIDA STATE

Mary Glass Willis

ΒΟ/IOWA

Carolyn Hall Beveridge
Jeanie McEwen Gehrt
Ruth Focht Shanor
Frances Willoughby Smoldt

ΒΠ/MICHIGAN STATE

Gertrude MacGregor Gorsline
Elizabeth Hunt Haugh

ΒΡ/DUKE

Catharine Powe Cole
Elizabeth Tod Johnson
Eliza Cummings Phillips

ΒΤ/DENISON

Barbara Shepherd
Mary Keeling Thornburgh

ΒΥ/BRITISH COLUMBIA

Margaret Bird Dalton
Megan Thomas Henson

ΒΦ/PENN STATE

Alice Manning Colgan
Dorothy Nauss Flack
Mary McFarland Frew
Doris Llewellyn Gerhardt
Grace Baer Holderman
Grace Woodrow Magill
Gertrude Kuebler
Moorhouse

Esther Lytton Murrie
Anne D'Olier Ulmer
Ruth Warner Webber

ΒΧ/ALBERTA

Mary Barker Calder
Beatrice Anderson Freeze
Isabel Becker Moore
Frances Fisher Richardson

**The year
was
1931.**

The *Star-Spangled Banner* officially became the US national anthem.

Al Capone was jailed for income tax evasion.

A can of pork and beans cost five cents, and two large loaves of white bread cost 15 cents.

Flowers and Trees, Disney's first color film, debuted.

The construction of the Empire State Building, then the world's tallest building, was completed.

The Good Earth, by Pearl S. Buck, was published.

Nylon, the first successful synthetic fiber, was created.

Little Orphan Annie first aired on radio.

And Kappa Alpha Theta initiated 943 new members, among them these women, who officially celebrated 75 years in the Fraternity on Founders Day.

A/DePauw
B/Indiana
Γ/Butler
Δ/Illinois
H/Michigan
Γ^Δ/Ohio Wesleyan
K/Kansas
O/USC
T/Northwestern
Y/Minnesota
X/Syracuse
Ω/UC Berkeley
Φ^Δ/Stanford
AE/Brown

AH/Vanderbilt
AΘ/Texas
AM/Missouri
AO/Oklahoma
AΠ/North Dakota
AX/Purdue
AΨ/Lawrence
BΓ/Colorado State
BZ/Oklahoma State
BΘ/Idaho
BK/Drake
BA/William & Mary
BN/Florida State
BO/Iowa

COLLEGE CHAPTERS

BE/UCLA
BΠ/Michigan State
BΣ/SMU
BY/British Columbia
BΩ/Colorado College
ΓΔ/Georgia
ΓI/Kentucky
ΓΦ/Texas Tech
ΓΨ/TCU
ΔΔ/Whitman College
ΔE/Arizona State
ΔZ/Emory

ΔO/Alabama
ΔH/Kansas State
ΔΣ/Ball State
ΔY/Eastern Kentucky
ΔΦ/Clemson
ΔX/Virginia
ΔΩ/Texas A & M
EE/Baylor
EH/Centre College
EI/Westminster College
EΠ/Bucknell
EΦ/Chicago
ZZ/Colgate
ZE/Harvard

ZH/Wofford College
ZA/Charleston
ZM/MIT
ZN/UC Davis
ZΣ/Ohio Northern
ZY/UT Dallas
ZΩ/Loyola Marymount
HΘ/Central Florida
HI/San Diego
HK/John Carroll
HA/Santa Clara
HN/Lake Forest College

Thank you to the following alumnae and college chapters that donated to the Friendship Fund in 2005. Through the Friendship Fund, created to "... make real to those who have met sorrow and temporary defeat the practical feel of sister hands clasping theirs in dark places," the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation was able to extend help to Thetas in need, including those affected by the Gulf Coast hurricanes.

friendship fund

ALUMNAE CHAPTERS

Abilene Area
Albuquerque
Amarillo
Annapolis-Severna Park
Arlington Area
Atlanta
Austin
Baltimore
Beaumont/Port Arthur
Birmingham (Ala.)
Birmingham (Mich.)
Bloomington
Boston Metro
Bryan-College Station
Calgary
Canton
Central Arkansas
Chicago North Shore
Chicago NW Suburban
Chicago West Suburban
Cincinnati
Clearwater

Cleveland (East)
Cleveland West Shore
Colorado Springs
Columbia Area
Columbus
Dallas
Dayton
Delaware Area
Denver
Des Moines
Diablo Valley
Duncan
El Camino Real
El Paso
Fairfield County
Fargo
Flatirons
Foothill
Fort Bend
Fort Collins
Fort Smith
Fort Worth

Fox Cities
Franklin-Brentwood Area
Fresno
Galveston
Garland/Mesquite/Rockwall Area
Greater Kansas City
Harrisburg
Hartford
Hill Country
Houston
Houston NW
Hutchinson
Indianapolis
Iowa City
Jackson
Jacksonville
Jefferson City
Kalamazoo
Kay County
Kingwood/Humble
Knoxville
La Cañada/Flintridge
Lafayette
Lexington

Lincoln
Long Beach
Los Angeles
Louisville
Lubbock
Marin County
Marshall
Memphis
Miami
Mid-Cities
Midland
Milwaukee
Minneapolis
Monterey County
Napa/Solano County
Naples/Marco Island/
Bonita Springs
Nashville
Nature Coast
New Orleans
New York City
New Jersey North Central
Norman
Northern Virginia
Oklahoma City
Olympia
Omaha
Orange Coast
Orlando Area
Palm Beach County
Palo Alto
Palos Verdes Peninsula
Pasadena
Pensacola
Peoria
Phoenix
Pittsburgh
Plano
Portland
Quad Cities
Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill
Rancho Bernardo
Reno

Rio Grande Valley
Rochester
Rockford
Sacramento Valley
Salt Lake City
San Angelo
San Antonio
San Diego
San Francisco
San Jose/South Bay
San Mateo County
Santa Ana
Santa Cruz
Sarasota
Seattle
Sherman/Denison
Sioux Falls
SLO/Central Coast
Sonoma County
South Hampton Roads
Spokane
St. Louis
St. Paul
St. Petersburg
State College
Stillwater
The Woodlands Area
Thomasville
Topeka
Toronto
Tucson
Tulsa
Tyler
Upstate SC
Vancouver, BC
Vero Beach
Waco
Washington DC/Sub. MD
West Valley
Westfield
Wichita
Wichita Falls
Williamsburg
Winston-Salem

THINK B 4 U CLICK

THE CORRECT METHOD FOR CONTACTING KΑΘ MEMBERS



Technology and the Internet have revolutionized the way we communicate and keep connected. This is especially true in our Kappa Alpha Theta world.

Batch e-mails and unsolicited messages—from a variety of sources—attempting to promote products or gather information inundate our e-mailboxes daily. Certainly it appears harmless to use our Theta connections in this way when it is desirable to reach a large audience.

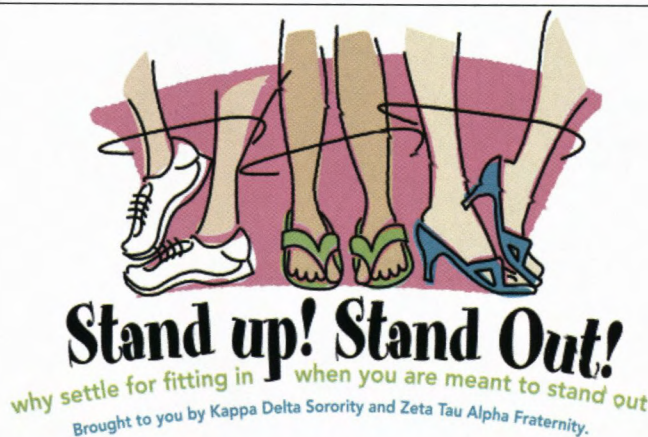
However, Kappa Alpha Theta laws strictly prohibit solicitation of members for commercial purposes, charitable appeals, or advocacy of personal opinions. This prohibition applies whether member-contact information was obtained from a website (the Fraternity's or a chapter's), a Theta directory, or any other source.

In fact, any contact with the general membership or a college or alumnae chapter must receive prior approval from Grand Council. According to the Kappa Alpha Theta Bylaws, Article I, Section 10, "Grand Council must approve any mailing or other contact with the general membership or to any college or alumnae chapter...."

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Young women face many difficult issues in today's world—the pressure to fit in, to be thin, to abuse alcohol, to be popular—the list goes on and on. Nowhere is this more evident that on the campuses of North America's colleges and universities. Ironically, these same campuses are the breeding ground for tomorrow's leaders, the very people who will be expected to find ways to address these issues.



Kappa Alpha Theta joins 21 other NPC groups in supporting *Stand Up! Stand Out! Why Settle for Fitting In When You Were Meant to Stand Out?*, a forum to discuss the effects of negative peer pressure and to explore ways to make a difference on college campuses. Participants will be challenged to ask themselves, "Why do I and other women make bad decisions when we have been taught better?" They will be encouraged to explore their value systems and come up with concrete ways to stand up for

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